



Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter

January 8, 2010

Courage is our Core Value for January.

Save the Date:

Jan. 9: Gr. 5/6 Basketball at City View 10AM
Jan. 10: Gr. 7/8 Girls' Basketball at Venerini 1:00; Gr. 7/8 Boys' Basketball at St. Mary's 3:30
Jan. 12: School Advisory Council Meeting 6:00; Parent Guild Meeting 6:00 PM
Jan. 13 - Dress Down Day \$1 (**There will be NO Dress Down Day on 1/14 due to the assembly.**)
Jan. 14: MLK, Jr. Celebration and Intensive Showcase at Mt. Carmel 12:30pm
Jan. 15: **No School for Students**; Parent Guild Staff Luncheon

Jan. 16: Gr. 5/6 Basketball at City View 10AM
MLK Breakfast at Worcester State College 8:30am
Jan. 17: Gr. 7/8 Girls' Basketball at Venerini 1:00; Gr. 7/8 Boys' Basketball at St. Mary's 1:30
Jan. 18: **No School** (MLK Day)
Jan. 23: Gr. 5/6 Basketball at City View 10AM
Jan. 24: Gr. 7/8 Boys' Basketball at St. Mary's 12:30; Gr. 7/8 Girls' Basketball at Venerini 1:00
Jan. 26: Gr. 6 to Aquarium
Jan. 29: Elementary Academy Monthly Celebration; Instrument Recital 6:00PM
Jan. 30: Gr. 5/6 Basketball at City View 10AM

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

Courage is the SHCPS core value of focus for the month of January. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man whose remarkable courage helped to shape America into a land of opportunity for all. Please join us at our assembly in his honor on January 14th at 12:30 at Mt. Carmel Church. In addition to showing appreciation for his inspiring words and actions, our staff and students will have the opportunity to showcase all of the extraordinary work they produced during our recent Schoolwide Intensive.

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent



Star Students Congratulations to Samantha Evans, Jazzlyn Delestre, Andrew Maruca, Henry Germosen, Luis Reyes, Yadriana Williams and Christian Rivera.

Rainbow House News This week's Rainbow House Star Students were Mary Siriboe, Jaya Dupere and Valdita Bacaliu. Congratulations to Naaoyoe Odjidja for winning the World Language Weekly Challenge.

On Saturday, January 16, the Worcester community will gather at Worcester State College in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Show Choir, Stomp Team and some of the JA Choir Classes will be performing. Everyone will enjoy performances by several other talented groups around the area. For a \$5.00 fee, you can enjoy a beautiful breakfast. Please come and enjoy the breakfast and all performances. The Show Choir, Choir Class and Stomp team members should be at the auditorium in full uniform by 8:15 a.m. and plan on staying until 11:00 a.m.

"Special Area Best Practice Workshop" On January 15, the special area teachers will host a "Special Area Best Practice Workshop" here at Seven Hills. Special area teachers from all over the state will attend the workshop and will share new ideas with each other. This is the second year of the workshop and it should be very exciting.



Parent Partnerships It's cookie time! On Friday, January 15th, the Parent Guild will be serving lunch to all the teachers and staff. Parents can help to show their appreciation to this hardworking group by sending in a dozen cookies with your child on Thursday, January 14th.

Please mark them clearly: "For the Staff Luncheon". Thank you for your help! The Parent Guild could also use some help setting up, serving and cleaning up the luncheon. If you are able to come anytime between 10 am and 2pm on Friday, we would appreciate it! Contact Sarah Okerlund (sdokerlund@msn.com) with any questions. Thank you!

Please remember that next week's Parent Guild Dress Down Day has been moved to January 13th. All students must be in full uniform for the January 14th assembly.



Community Connections The National Guard is back! Every year, Seven Hills is fortunate to partner with the National Guard to provide supplemental character education programming to our students. This year the National Guard members meet with our 6th graders, educating them in the area of drug and alcohol prevention every Thursday and Friday during our "JA Specials" time slots. This is a continuing program that will run through June 1st. We look forward to seeing their presence in our building. The National Guard has been a positive influence in the lives of many of our students for several years.

The Red Cross will be here on Saturday, Jan 30th from 8am to 2:30pm to offer Standard First Aid and CPR for Adult and Child, the full certification. The standard Red Cross fee is \$80 per person but we are negotiating for a discount for our families. If you are interested please email jminor@sevenhillscharter.org by Jan 15th to secure a slot. Once we have a headcount, we can get more information about a potential discount.

CROMPTON PARK ICE SKATING RINK! Pernet Family Health Services offers ice skating daily from 10am to 4pm at the Crompton Park tennis court on Canton Street. They also have free used skates, at 237 Millbury Street M-F 12noon to 2pm or Saturday and Sunday 12noon to 2pm at the ice rink. If they fit you, they are yours!

Worcester Little Leagues will be holding 2010 registrations for Little League Baseball and Softball season on Saturday January 23rd from 9a.m. to 1p.m. at the Tatnuck American Legion Post (Mill St., at the bottom of Airport Hill) and Saturday January 30th from 9a.m. to 1p.m. at the Nelson Place School Gymnasium, 35 Nelson Place. New Registrants MUST present a birth certificate for age verification. All registrants must present three (3) proofs to verify residence.

There will be NO SCHOOL for students on January 15th or 18th!

SHCPS Weekend Challenge

Complete one or more of the assignments below to be shared on morning announcements or at Thursday's assembly.

1. Write a poem, paragraph or essay about the impact Martin Luther King, Jr. had on modern American life.
2. Write a poem, paragraph or essay or draw a picture describing how Martin Luther King Jr. demonstrated one or more of the SHCPS Core Values.