



## Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter

January 14, 2010

**Courage is our Core Value for January.**

### Save the Date:

Jan. 15: **No School for Students**; Parent Guild Staff Luncheon  
Jan. 16: Gr. 5/6 Basketball at City View 10AM  
8:30am STOMP & Show Choir perform at MLK Breakfast at Worcester State College  
Jan. 17: Gr. 7/8 Girls' Basketball at Venerini 1pm; Gr. 7/8 Boys' Basketball at St. Mary's 1:30pm  
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 12:30pm;  
Gr. 7/8 Girls' Basketball at Venerini 1pm  
Jan. 26: Gr. 6 to Aquarium; Board Meeting 12 - 2pm; Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting 5pm  
Jan. 29: Elementary Academy Monthly Celebration;  
Instrument Recital 6pm  
Jan. 30: Gr. 5/6 Basketball at City View 10am; CPR and First Aid Course for Staff and Families 8am- 2:30pm

***Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.***

*Dear Families,*

*On Monday, our country will pay tribute to a man who dedicated his lifetime to realizing his dream of equality and opportunity for all, Martin Luther King, Jr. As a family, talk about what your dreams are and what each of you can do within your lifetime to make those dreams come true. Let your children know that, with hard work, creativity and perseverance, ANYTHING is possible. Let your children know that they can be anything they want to be and accomplish anything they put their minds to. Believe in them so they can believe in themselves.*

*Sincerely,*

*Krista Piazza, Superintendent*

**Rainbow House News** Congratulations to Ivory Henry for winning the World Language Weekly Challenge!

Tomorrow the Worcester community will gather at Worcester State College in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., 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.

The SHCPS Technology Committee is now looking for new members. All you need to participate is access to a computer and the Internet. Discussions about using laptops in classrooms, Internet safety, technology standards and much more all take place online. If you're interested in joining us, please e-mail Josh Coyne at [jcoyne@sevenhillscharter.org](mailto:jcoyne@sevenhillscharter.org)

**Practice, practice, practice!** In order to develop fluency and confidence with higher level problem solving skills, students need to know their basic math facts by heart. We teach them number concepts and facts in school but we need your help. They have to practice at home too! Have some fun with it. Quiz them while preparing a meal, riding in the car or before bed each night. Make flashcards so they can practice on their own or with you, a sibling or someone special. Play an online math fact game. Primary Academy students should know all of their basic

addition and subtraction basic facts. Elementary Academy students also need to memorize their basic multiplication and division facts and Junior Academy students not only need to be fluent with basic computational facts but also need to know their basic conversions between fractions, decimals and percents. Practice, practice, practice!

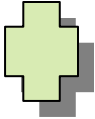


**Parent Partnerships** The Special Education Parent Advisory Council presents "PARENT RIGHTS", understanding your legal rights regarding Special Education Services. We will be meeting at the school on January 26, 2010 at 6PM, in the large conference room. If you plan to attend, please contact Ms. Trainque at x1361. We look forward to seeing you!

Looking for a night out (or in) without the kids? The Parent Guild to the rescue! On February 12<sup>th</sup>, the Parent Guild is hoping to offer a K-5 Kids Night at the school. Staff members, Guild members and selected eighth grade students will serve pizza and run activities for Primary and Elementary Academy students are invited to come to school from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per child with all proceeds going toward the eighth grade trips of the student helpers. We are trying to get a headcount of participants so we know how many helpers are needed. If you are interested in having your child/children attend, please fill out the form below and return it to the main office by Friday, Jan 22.

Thank you for sending in your Box Tops for Education. We have already earned \$140 this year. Please keep them coming!

**Community Connections**



The Red Cross will be here on Saturday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jminor@sevenhillscharter.org) by Jan 15<sup>th</sup> to secure a slot. Once we have a headcount, we can get more information about a potential discount.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Pennies for Patients program. The Commonwealth National Bank counted our coins and cut a check for \$386.13 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**There will be NO SCHOOL for students on January 15<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Yes! \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe! \_\_\_\_\_ My child (ren) will attend the Parent Guild K-5 Kids Night at Seven Hills Charter on Friday, February 12, 2010 from 6pm to 8pm.

I will drop of my child(ren) at 6pm and pick my child(ren) up by 8pm on this evening. A late fee will apply after 8pm. Enclosed is my payment to secure my slot(s) and I understand that this money is NON-Refundable!

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Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Amount of \$ enclosed

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Name of child 1

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Name of child 2

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Name of child 3

This event is only for SHCPS students! If you are interested in this event and are not sure if your child will participate please complete the above information as a MAYBE (you can send in your payment when you are ready to secure a slot)! The cost is \$5 per child.