

# Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter



January 29, 2010

**Responsibility is our Core Value for February.**

## Save the Date:

Jan. 29: Instrument Recital 6:00PM  
Jan. 30: Gr. 5/6 Basketball at City View 10AM; CPR and First Aid Course for Staff and Families 8:00 - 2:30  
Jan. 31: Girls' Basketball Game at 10:00 at Venerini; Boys' Basketball Game at St. Mary's at 12:30  
Feb. 2: Board of Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM  
Feb. 5: Grade 8 to Visit Worcester Tech  
Feb. 6: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Game at City View 11:00 AM; Bob Marley Birthday Bash at WPL 1:00PM  
Feb. 7: Boys Basketball Playoff Game - TBD; Girls' Basketball Game at Venerini at 1:00

Feb. 8, 9: DESE Site Visit; SAC Meeting and Parent Guild Meeting 6:00  
Feb. 11: Family Conferences  
Feb. 12: Parent Guild Sponsored "Kids Night" 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Feb. 15-19: No School  
Feb. 21: Boys Basketball Playoff Game - TBD; Girls' Basketball Game at Venerini at 10:00  
Feb. 22: Family Involvement Meeting 6:00PM  
Feb. 26: H'arts and Hope for Haiti at The Hanover Theater 6:30pm (tickets are \$10.00 or \$75.00 for VIP)  
Feb. 28: Girls' Basketball Game at Venerini at 1:00

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

Dear Families,

February is National Black History Month. Let this serve as a reminder to, all year long, acknowledge the struggles and show appreciation for the many gifts and contributions that African Americans have shared with our great nation. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

**Honor Roll Update** The Board of Trustees voted to revise the SHCPS Honor Roll Policy. The following adjustment will be retroactive to include Term 1. Congratulations to all of the students who worked hard to meet these high achievement standards. Remember, Model Citizenship Awards are also presented each term for students who earn 3's and 4's for Effort and Conduct in all classes. We look forward to celebrating the growth and accomplishments of all students again as the year progresses. Keep working hard to be the best you can be!

**High Honors:** Threes or better in 90% of the reported standards, with no scores below two

**Honors:** Threes or better in 80% of the reported standards, with no scores below two

**Model Citizenship:** Threes or better in both effort and conduct

**Promotion Criteria:** 3 or 4 in all bold "power standards" in ELA and math by the end of the year; 2 or better on all other standards. Failure to meet these criteria will result in a promotion determination meeting.

**Star Students:** Congratulations to Diane Kieyee, Samantha Pearson, Caleb Koranteng, Tyler Boafo and Dariana Reynoso. ★

**Rainbow House News:** This week's Rainbow House Star Students were Samantha Augusta, Serenity Segura and Veronica Williams. Congratulations to Carlos Robles for winning the World Language Weekly Challenge.

Please join us for our instrumental recital on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Please welcome Ms. Abigail Burns, an intern from Dynamy to Seven Hills. She will be working with Mr. McGann and Mrs. Rice's students for the next several weeks. Please drop by the music room and say hello.

### **Parent Partnerships:**

**Family Conferences** are scheduled for Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be holding family conferences on an as needed basis. Parents will be invited through a formal written invitation and phone call. Any parents who do not receive an invitation but who would like to have a conference are welcome to contact their child's homeroom teacher for an appointment.

The SAC Parent **English Language Learning Classes** began this week and will continue each Monday and Wednesday night from 5:30 - 7:00. It's not too late to join! Contact Ms. Colon for details.

Please join our new Board of Trustee Subcommittee focusing on **PARENTS & FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS**. The first meeting will be on February 22 at 6p.m. here at Seven Hills. Their goal will be to help students succeed by developing and

strengthening partnerships between the school and our students' families. For more information please call Suzanne Buglione at 508-757-6519 or CmUnityBuild@aol.com

Remember, the Parent Guild is offering a **K-5 Kids' Night** at SHCPS from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5 per child and includes pizza, a movie and choice of activities. RSVP to [parentguild@sevenhillscharter.org](mailto:parentguild@sevenhillscharter.org) or call Ms. Roy x1131 so we can prepare for the appropriate number of students.

Don't forget, we're counting on you to help your child memorize their basic **math facts**. Practice each day!

### Community Connections

**Compassion** is one of the SHCPS Core Values. Last weekend, the Belmont Community School experienced significant damage due to vandalism. The Worcester Public School Superintendent is reaching out to the community for support. Individuals and organizations wishing to donate materials should contact Jeffrey J. Mulqueen, chief academic officer, at (508) 799-3018. Those wishing to donate money should contact Brian Allen, chief financial officer, at (508) 799-3401. Mr. Allen has established an account to accept donations for the school. Donors should make checks out to Worcester Public Schools and designate Belmont Street Community School in the memo line. Checks may be sent to the attention of Mr. Allen at 20 Irving St., Worcester, MA 01609. A fundraiser for the Belmont Street School will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at Coral Seafood Restaurant, 225 Shrewsbury St. Donations for the school will be accepted at the door, or checks may be made out to Worcester Education Development Foundation, with Belmont Street Community School in the memo line and sent to Worcester Public Schools, 11 Irving St., Worcester, MA 01609.

**Be Our Valentine:** With the help of Ms. Bogosian and our Village After School Program some of our elementary academy students entered in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Valentine Contest sponsored by The Worcester Historical Museum. Good Luck!

**"H'Arts and Hope for Haiti"** Seven Hills Charter is joining WSRS 96.1, The Hanover Theatre, American Red Cross and WTAG to raise funds for the people of Haiti. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**Come Celebrate** with our STOMP and Show Choir as they perform for the Bob Marley Birthday Bash at the Worcester Public Library on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 5pm.

**Thank you** to Andrea Cooperman, a sophomore education major from Providence College who is observing and helping out in K-5 classrooms and to Simeon MacMillen who has returned for his third year of helping our JA math students.

**Welcome Worcester State College!** We look forward to welcoming ten students from Worcester State College. They will be completing a course requirement for their Sociology Education course by learning more about math and literacy development. They'll be reading to students and helping them practice their basic math facts.

**UMASS Doctor For A Day Program:** Again this year, we look forward to including several students in this great opportunity. Fourteen of our students will spend a day at UMASS Memorial University Campus listening to several doctorate students explain their commitment and observing many departments included in the hospital/school with Dr. Claribel Vargas. Look for more information soon!

This week, our sixth graders completed a scavenger hunt and learning activity at the **New England Aquarium!**

### Reminders

- Please be sure your child is **IN FULL UNIFORM** for each day of school. Although boots are part of the uniform and may be worn in winter, please send a pair of sneakers for them to change into once they arrive in school. This is not only critical for their safe participation in PE classes, but it also helps reduce the amount of mud and slush that is tracked throughout the building.
- Student dismissals during the school day due to special circumstances (appointments) must be done **BEFORE 2:15** through the main office. If a teacher receives a note from a parent regarding a change in the dismissal procedure, the note should be sent to the School Attendance Officer and the teacher should post the message on the classroom board as a reminder. As a security measure, no student can be dismissed to anyone except the parent or someone the parent has authorization. No student will be permitted to ride a bus other than the one assigned to him/her.
- **Please help keep out school safe!** All visitors must be buzzed in (no student or staff member may open the door for a guest at any time), report to the main office upon arrival to sign in and receive a visitor badge. If you see a parent or guest moving about the building without a badge, please redirect the person to the office. Although parents are welcome to observe in classrooms, it is important that the teacher is not interrupted when working with students. Please be sure to schedule an appointment to speak with teachers or visit classrooms.

### **Did you know that this was National No-Name Calling Week?**

No Name-Calling Week was inspired by a young adult novel entitled "The Misfits" by popular author, James Howe. The book tells the story of four best friends trying to survive the seventh grade in the face of all too frequent taunts based on their weight, height, intelligence, and sexual orientation/gender expression. Motivated by the inequities they see around them, the "Gang of Five" (as they are known) creates a new political party during student council elections and run on a platform aimed at wiping out name-calling of all kinds. Though they lose the election, they win the support of the school's principal for their cause and their idea for a "No Name-Calling Day" at school. Check out the website: [www.nonamecallingweek.org](http://www.nonamecallingweek.org).

**Let's make every day at Seven Hills a "No Name-Calling Day!" Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.**

*Dear Seven Hills Family,*

*With the devastation in Haiti, many students, staff and families are anxious to know how they can help.*

*We have decided to help raise money for this relief effort by organizing a performance event entitled “H’Arts and Hope for Haiti.”*



*On February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Seven Hills Stomp Team and Seven Hills Show Choir will join with 20 other Worcester youth performance groups for a benefit performance beginning at 6:30 p.m.*

*WSRS and WTAG are promoting the event and some choir members will be coming to you live from the “Morning Show” with Jackie and Greg (96.1) at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, February 1. WSRS is creating a web link with all of the details about this event on their website.*

*Friends of Seven Hills can contribute by making a monetary donation or purchasing a ticket to this event from any Show Choir or Stomp member. They will be visiting all homerooms next week to collect donations and take ticket orders. All net proceeds will go directly to the American Red Cross. If you are making a donation by check, please make checks payable to “American Red Cross International Response Fund” or “ARC International Response Fund”. If you have any questions about contributions contact [dlemoyne@sevenhillscharter.org](mailto:dlemoyne@sevenhillscharter.org). You can also charge tickets by contacting the Hanover Theater at 508-831-0800 or [thehanovertheater.org](http://thehanovertheater.org).*

*There is a lot of work to be done so please contact Mrs. Holton at x 1011 if you can help out.*

*Thanks for your support!*



*The*  
**HANOVER THEATRE**  
*for the Performing Arts*

**Seven Hills Charter Public School**