

SHCPS Weekly Newsletter

September 3, 2009

Hope is our Core Value for September.

Save the Date:	
Sept. 4: School wide Picnic, Half Day for Students	Sept. 14: Instrument Night 6:00 PM
Sept. 7: No School	Sept. 15: SAC Meeting 6:00 PM
Sept. 8: Hope and Hero Day, Presidential Broadcast, Parent Guild Meeting 6:00 PM	Sept. 24: Circus Visits

Tue.= Day 4 Wed. = Day 5 Thurs. = Day 6 Fri. = Day 1

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

Education is important. That will President Obama's key message during his national address to America's school children on September 8th. This year, instead of celebrating our usual September 11th "Hope and Hero Day", we're all going to tune in to <http://www.whitehouse.gov> at 1:00 on September 8th as President Obama encourages students, parents and educators to get focused on learning. Log on at home or work to participate with us!

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Welcome back! We are pleased to announce that Mr. Fan fan has returned, after his knee surgery, and Ms. Burns is back from her maternity leave.

Bus Safety Thank you to Ms. Roy for conducting bus safety talks and emergency evacuation drills. Please help us reinforce the importance of students staying in their seats, using quiet voices, keeping hands and feet to themselves, not eating or drinking on the bus and following the instructions of the drivers. Also, please be courteous of our neighbors near our school and bus stops. Please do not block driveways or

School Advisory Council Update: Congratulations to this year's parent representatives:

- Primary Academy - Andrea Windward
- Junior Academy - Dee Ortiz
- Elementary Academy - Lee-Ann Johnson
- At Large - Jazmary Domingez

Do you know any community members who'd like to serve on our SAC? Please email contact information to Ms. Piazza at kpiazza@sevenhillscharter.org. Our first meeting will be at 6:00PM on September 15th.

The Circus is coming! The Wringling Brothers and Barnum Bailey Circus has offered free visits to some of our K-5 PE classes to teach children the science behind their talents.

Snow Days, Delays and Emergencies Families may sign up to receive school alerts either by text message or email at <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/closings/signup/index.html>.



Parent Partnerships First Meeting of the Parent Guild: On Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 please join us for the first meeting of our Parent Guild. A discussion of dress-down-days is on the agenda, along with an overview of the school year's projects. Child care is available. Please contact Sarah Okerlund (sdokerlund@msn.com) if you plan on attending with a child, so we'll be sure to have enough child care staff. Hope to see you there!

Fall Fundraiser: Check your child's backpack for the Parent Guild fall fundraising packet! Raffle tickets are on sale from September 4 - September 18. Your child can earn up to 9 dress-down-days (Sept. 8 - Sept 18) by selling at least 25 raffle tickets. The Seven Hills Parent Guild relies on your fundraising efforts each year to sponsor school-wide programs. Help support your child and your school during this annual event. Thank you!

Bank North: SHCPS has recently joined the Bank North Affinity Program. Please see the attached flyer about how you can help us raise funds to support the school.

Reminders:

- **Parent Pick Up:** Please remember that parent pick up does not begin until after buses leave, at 3:10. If you come too soon, you'll end up waiting in a long line on the hill.
- **TOMORROW IS A HALF DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. BUS DISMISSAL BEGINS AT 11:50. THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY.**

Community Connections Free Adult ESL Classes will be held at the Belmont Street Baptist Church at 25 Belmont Street. Registration will be held on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30-7:30PM. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 23rd from 6:45-8:15 PM. The church also hosts free children and youth programs. Call 508-753-0312 for more information.

Donations Needed Horizons for the Homeless, a shelter that has served some of our SHCPS families, is in dire need of fall and winter clothing donations for children and women. They need all sizes, but especially children's sizes 8-14.

Boys and Girls Club Announcement Any student who is in foster care or DCF custody is eligible for a scholarship to the club. Please contact Mr. Farquharson at x2059 for details.

Leadership Summit The Worcester City Manager's Citizens Advisory Council will hold a Free Leadership Summit on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 from 6 PM to 8 PM in the Levi Lincoln Jr. Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 455 Main Street, to provide information about volunteer opportunities for those interested in becoming more involved in municipal government and community committees. The Leadership Summit will take place the keynote speaker is Mr. Jordan Levy, former Mayor of Worcester and local radio talk show host. Light refreshments will be served. For further information or to register, residents can contact the City of Worcester's Human Resources Office at 508-799-1030 or hr@ci.worcester.ma.us Space is limited. Residents are encouraged to register by September 23, 2009.



Help At Home: Are you looking for a healthy snack for your child? Please take a look at this excerpt from the MA Department of Education approved snack list:

100% Fruit Juice, Water: Apple & Eve Juice boxes, Minute Maid 100% Juice boxes, Capri Sun 100% Fruit waves, Very Fine 100% Juice, Libby's Juice boxes, Welch's 100%, Regular water or flavored water without added sugar, artificial sweeteners or caffeine

Chips, Pretzels, Cookies, Crackers and More: Baked Lay's, Baked Ruffles, Rold Gold Pretzels, Smart Food reduced Fat Popcorn, Sun Chips, Ritz Chips, Quakes Rice Snacks, Reduced Fat Pringles, Pirate's Booty, Goldfish Crackers (Cheddar & Parmesan), Goldfish Pretzels, Animal Crackers, Nature Valley Granola Bars, Nutrigrain Bars, 100 Calorie Snack Packs, Graham Crackers, Teddy Grahams, Fig Newtons, Chewy Granola Bars

Fruits and Vegetables: Fresh Fruit, Fruit Cups, Dried Fruit, Baby Carrots and low fat Dip, Celery Sticks, etc.

Dairy Products: Danimals Yogurt, Dannon Classic Low-fat yogurt, Dannon Fruit on the Bottom Low Fat Yogurt, Garelick or Hood 1% Milk all flavors, String Cheese, Columbo Classic and Light yogurt, Trix Yogurts, Gogurts, Stoneyfield Farm low-fat yogurt and smoothies.

The complete list can be accessed at www.johnstalkerinstitute.org/vending%20project/alist.pdf

Did you notice a mistake in this newsletter? Circle the mistake. Have your parents read and sign the newsletter and turn it in to Ms. Piazza on Monday morning to be entered into a raffle for a free dress down day.

SHCPS Weekly Challenge

Completed challenges are due to Ms. Piazza each Monday morning.

This week's challenge: President Obama's team has created a series of activities students can do at home or in school to support the messages presented in his upcoming broadcast. Check out the activities (K-6 or 7-12) listed on <http://www.ed.gov/> and choose at least one to complete at home.