



Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter

December 11, 2009

Compassion is our Core Value for December.

Save the Date!

Dec. 11: Model Citizen Assemblies; **Half Day for Parent Conferences**

Dec. 14: JA Auditions for Beauty and the Beast; K-5 student who were absent last week may also audition (3-5pm)

Dec. 13: 7,8 Grade Girls BB game @ Venerini (12noon)

Boys at St. Mary's at 12:30pm

Dec 15: Show Choir performs at Briarwood (1:15-2:30)

Dec 17: JA Science Fair

Dec 18: H1N1 Clinic (9am-1pm)-lcr

Dec. 19 - Gr. 5,6 Basketball at City View at 10am

Dec 20: 7,8 Girls BB game @ Venerini (3pm), Boys BB @ St. Mary's at 12:30pm

Dec 21, 22: PBIS Intensive

Dec 23: Sounds of the Seasons Concerts

Dec 24-Jan 3: NO SCHOOL

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families:

Student Learning Contracts (SLC's) went home with all students today. Please review your child's report with him/her and celebrate accomplishments and discuss ways to work on the areas of weakness. Use this as a time to reinforce the important role that education plays in helping your child have access to options that contribute to his /her quality of life. Talk with your child about his/her interests and notions and work together to develop a relevant school based goal for term two. Please sign and return the envelope provided. The SLC is yours to keep.

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Model Citizen Assemblies - It is critical that we let our children know that achievement in school is important.

Please join us for our Model Citizens Ceremonies tomorrow, Friday, December 11 at the following times: K-8:00am, Gr. 1-8:20am, Gr. 2-8:40am, Gr. 3-9:00am, Gr. 4-9:20am, Gr. 5-9:40am, Gr. 6-10:00am, Gr. 7-10:20am and Gr. 8-10:40am. We look forward to your participation. Please review the attached SHCPS Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) guidelines for assemblies so adults and kids alike can serve as role models for one another.

Star Students Congratulations to Veronica Williams and Raymond Lugo!

Rainbow House News. Beauty and Beast auditions for all JA students will be held on Monday, December 14th from 3 to 5pm. All K-5 students who were absent last week on their scheduled day may also audition on Monday. ALL students need a signed permission slip to stay afterschool.

Save the date for our *Sounds of the Seasons* concert coming up on December 23rd at 8:30 a.m. for PA, 9:40 a.m. for JA and 10:15 a.m. for EA.

Schoolwide Intensive are one of the wonderful Seven Hills traditions. It is a time when the whole school works together to study and celebrate a common theme. In keeping with our Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) program this year, our first 2009-2010 Intensive will be using the SHCPS Code of Conduct (Be kind, safe and responsible.) as the focal point for cross grade level projects using technology, print, fine and performing arts. We'll begin work on our projects on December 21st and use our Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event on January 14th as an opportunity to showcase student work. We are looking for parent volunteers and guest speakers for both the project preparation activities and for the celebration. Please contact Ms. Hinds at x1119 if you are interested in helping out.

Community Partnerships Our annual Giving Tree is up in the main office, if you able to help children in need to holiday gifts, please stop by the main office and pick a leaf off the tree!

Pennies for Patients: From December 14th to January 5th, Seven Hills will participate in Pennies for Patients, a service learning program in which kids collect spare change to help people with blood cancer (Leukemia and Lymphoma). Funds are collected from friends and family in honor of local survivors, current patients and ongoing cancer research. Please take a moment to speak to your child about the value of helping others, then flip over the couch cushions, check coat pockets, or look under the car seats for spare change, every penny counts! A pizza party will be awarded to the class collecting the most money. Bills, change and checks are accepted. Collection boxes will be located in every classroom and the office.

Dear SHCPS Families: We know this is a busy time of the season, but just a quick reminder we will be back to your school on (Tuesday, Dec 15th from 9:30 to 10:30) to pick up passbooks and deposits). Stop by on Christmas vacation and we will show you how we process your coin in our coin machine. Happy Holidays from the staff at Commonwealth Bank!

A message from the Worcester Police Department: *Kids and guns do not mix!* A gun in the home is 22 times more likely to kill a family member or friend than to kill an intruder. With gun ownership comes the responsibility of storing guns locked, unloaded and inaccessible to kids. If this is not something you can do, let us dispose of the firearm for you by participating in "Goods for Guns."

Turn in your operable gun and receive:

Semi-automatic handgun: \$75 gift certificate to Wal-Mart, **Handgun:** \$50 gift certificate to Wal-Mart

Long gun: \$25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart (Note: Limit of four hand guns or two long guns per person)


Also accepting non-operable guns, live ammunition and firearm accessories (no gift certificates issued)

Anonymity ensured — No names asked, No gun registrations required- Free gun locks available

Saturday, December 12 and 19 (9 am - 3 pm)

Worcester Police Headquarters, 911 Lincoln Square, Worcester

IMPORTANT: All guns must be brought unloaded and wrapped in a bag. Questions: Call 774-443-8626

 Are you a Celtics fan? The SHCPS Ski and Snowboard Club is selling having a raffle for two tickets to the February 5th Celtics vs. Nets game. Chances are for sale in the nurse's office for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 or 14 for \$10.

H1N1 Vaccines are on the way! The Public Health Department will be here on Friday, December 18 from 9am to 1pm in the large conference room to administer the H1N1 flu shots/nasal spray to our students. This is at no cost to our students. Parents who want their child(ren) to be vaccinated must return a signed consent form to the school office. Junior Academy students can be vaccinated without a parent present. However, parents must be present for elementary students to receive the vaccination. (Please contact us if you'd like a letter for your employer to assist you in getting time off.). Any parents who are certified RN's who would like to volunteer to assist with this process should contact our school nurse. We are also in need of volunteers to help with paperwork. We appreciate your help.



REMINDERS!

Tomorrow, Friday, December 11th is a **HALF DAY** for **ALL STUDENTS!**

The afternoon is set aside for parent/teacher conferences, if you have not scheduled an appointment please contact your child's teacher.

Friday is also a **DRESS DOWN DAY** for \$1.00. If you already purchased a DDD sticker you must wear it tomorrow!