

# Seven Hills Charter Public School

## Save the Date:

- Oct 6: Parent Guild Fund-raiser goes home with all students
- Oct 7: NO SCHOOL for students; World Smile Day Performance
- Oct 10: NO SCHOOL
- Oct 10-14: BBBS will not meet due to Holy Cross break
- Oct 13: SHCPS Papa Gino Night –Lincoln Street
- Oct 14: Holy Cross Football players will visit our 8th grade classroom and give out FREE tickets to their game.
- Oct 17: SEPAC 6pm
- Oct 19-21: Grade 6 to Sargent Center in NH
- Oct 21: LFF Scholarship Event at Maxwell Silverman's 7pm
- Nov 3: High School Gear Up Night 6 to 7:30pm



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

Dear Families,

Thank you to all of you who attended Family MCAS Night. It is important you are all well informed about the school's and your child's performance. If you couldn't make MCAS Night last night, come on in between 10:00 and 3:00 on Friday, Oct. 7, or between 9:00 and 12:00 on Saturday, Oct. 15th, to pick up your child's scores. In addition, please review the handout that was provided for all families. An electronic copy can be found at <http://www.pplace.org/publications/pointers/English/pppmcas.pdf>

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

### THE COHEM CORNER (by Mr. Korey Lee)

As the Coordinator of Higher Education and Multiculturalism (COHEM), each week in the newsletter I will have news and notes in the section titled the "*COHEM CORNER*." This is a great opportunity for me to post facts and notes that are important to the community of Seven Hills.

Over the last few weeks I have had face to face meetings with the High Schools in the Worcester area. This has been a great opportunity to prepare to make our parents and students knowledgeable of the resources that each institution provides. On factor that was important for me to convey to the principles and admissions directors of the Worcester High school's the importance of high school options for our students. After those meetings, I found that the Worcester schools are excited for our students to have the opportunity to attend their schools.

For this weeks notes I have two important dates for parents and families:

The (*LFF*) Learning First Foundation Scholarship Gala (**PARENTS ONLY**).

We will be giving the information on the Scholarship for all Seven Hills students.

DATE: October 21, 2011

LOCATION: Maxwell Silverman's 25 Union St. Worcester Mass.

TIME: 7:00-8:30pm

High School-Gear up Night (**FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade & Students ONLY**)

DATE: November 3, 2011

LOCATION: Seven Hills Gym

TIME: 6:00pm-7:30pm

**My final notes and dates to remember are OPEN HOUSE DATES for Worcester High School's**

Notre Dame Academy - October 6, 2011 @ 7pm

St. Peter Marian - October 13, 2011 6pm-8pm

Holy Name C.C.H.S. - October 16, 2011 12pm-3pm

St. Johns H.S. - October 16, 2011 & Sunday October, 23 2011 @ 1pm

St .Marks H.S. - October 22, 2011 & November 12, 2011

Worcester Academy - October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 1pm

Worcester Tech - November 16, 2011 6-8 pm

I encourage our 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to attend as many open houses as you can to look at all the options for you student(s). A number of these schools will be in attendance for our HS night. I look forward to seeing all our 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents on high school night.

Greetings Early Learning Families and Friends,

Early Learning Academy and Garden Committee are pleased to announce an **ART CONTEST** for all kindergarten and first graders! *This art contest is designed to encourage students to learn about the potential impact of the Cooperative Garden.*

THE WINNING PIECE OF ART WILL BECOME THE NEW COOPERATIVE GARDEN T-SHIRT!

For more information, please look for the flyer in your child's agenda.

**Primary Academy- Ms. Ambroise**

Our first Monthly Model Citizen Ceremony was a great success. Students enjoyed participating in a Measurement Nature Scavenger Hunt, kickball, parachute activities, and group games. Please remember, students must complete homework, class work, and demonstrate the Core Values and Code of Conduct each day to earn a celebration invitation. Hope to see you all at next month's celebration, October Fest.

Our students can always use additional practice with data collection. Try the activity listed below with your child. Think about what you notice by collecting the data.



**Emphasizing the Importance of Reading**

- ▶ Parents who read usually have children who read.
- ▶ Reduce TV viewing time and videogame time, and increase reading time.
- ▶ Set aside a time each day when you and your child will read.
- ▶ Read aloud to your child. Reading with expression shows a child that you love books and that you enjoy reading to them.
- ▶ Share what you have read with your child, and ask your child to do the same with you.

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**Math @Home**

**Tracking Time**

Together with your child, keep track of the time he or she spends watching television as well as doing homework. Make a table listing the 7 days of one week. Keep two columns, one for television and one for homework. At the end of the week, see if together you can make a graph comparing the two different activity columns.

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**Congratulations!** Last week's Primary Academy Weekly Question Winner was **Genesis Pumarejo!**

**Primary Academy Weekly Question:**

Answer the following question, cut it out, and return it to the envelope located outside of Ms. Ambroise's office. Students who correctly answer the weekly question will be entered into a weekly drawing!

Tom wrote the number pattern shown below.

3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23

Which of these could be the rule for Tom's pattern?

A. add 3

B. add 4

C. subtract 1

D. subtract 3

### Elementary Academy-Mrs. Nelson

It's been a great week on the fourth floor. Our grade 5 math students have been digging deeper into division to improve their skills in using algorithms to solve problems. In Ms. Malia and Ms. Rodriguez' room students presented to their classmates about the complex machines they designed and developed. Ms. Wimberly and Ms. McDaniel's class did a Reader's Theater performance of 'We Are A Living People' by Lori Wautier. The entire class participated and the performance was very moving.

Thank you to the family members who were able to attend MCAS night. We appreciated the opportunity to review last year's results and our goals for improvement.

For more information about topics students are currently studying, please visit:

Long division - <http://www.coolmath4kids.com>

Simple and complex machines - <http://www.edheads.org/activities/simple-machines/>

Author Lori Wautier - <http://treaty.indigenousnative.org/nomascot.html>

### Hello Junior Academy Students!

The Be Like Brit order forms went home yesterday, so if you are interested in keeping Brit's spirit alive and wearing the t-shirt as part of your school uniform, please return the order forms with \$10 by October 14th. That is the deadline for ordering a shirt. We hope to have the orders in, in time for the students to wear them to the assembly that Brit's parents will be having here on the 28th. We think that will be a nice treat for them to see us all in the audience wearing our shirts.

Word of the Week: Last week's word of the week was *deft*. The winner and person who best used this word in a sentence was Afia Somiah. Her sentence was: "I have a karate teacher who is quite *deft*. Now, I have my black belt because of all those hours of practice with him." This week's choice for the winner was very difficult because so many students wrote great sentences! I am pleased that so many of you are entering the weekly contest now, keep those sentences coming. This week's word is *disdain*. Please research the definition and use this word in the most creative sentence possible, and place your responses in the envelope outside my office.

Monthly challenge! Starting last Monday, Mrs. Bryan put up a bulletin board outside her office with a creative writing challenge. The directions, rubric, writing topic or picture will be hung on the bulletin board. Each month, there will be a new prompt to write about and submit your completed writing to Mrs. Bryan by the due date (will be posted). A monthly prize will be given to the student who gets the most votes from the judges. The judges will be Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Wright and the ELA teachers of the Junior Academy. These are going to be some really great prizes, so it's time to get your creative juices flowing.

The first JA dance was a big hit last Friday! I am proud to say that all the students who attended were kind, safe and responsible and genuinely just had a good time together. We look forward having many more dances this year. The money will always be used to support an academy trip or activity that we choose to do. Thanks to all who came!

**Parent Guild Fundraiser:** All students will receive 30 raffle tickets today, they are to be sold for \$1.00 each. All money is due back on October 21! A winner will be drawn each day in November. Student prizes include dress down days, pizza lunches and \$100 gift card to student who sells the most in the school.

The next School Advisory Council meeting will be **Tuesday, October 18th at 5:00 p.m.** We would like to welcome aboard the following family members: Andrea Windward, Kelly Harewood, Jamie Medeiros and Suresh Kamma. Faculty members are: Jillian Hakens-Early Learning Academy, Henry Chamberlain-Primary Academy, Jessica Kato-Elementary Academy, and Tim Glessner-Junior Academy. We invite all interested family, staff and community members to attend.

We hope to see you on the 18th!

