

# Seven Hills Charter Public School

## Save the Date:

- Sept 16: SES Letters were issued to students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch
- Sept 29: Picture Make Up Day 8am-11am-please pick up an order form from Ms. Burgos
- Sept 30: DDD for \$1.00 and JA Dance 6 to 8:30pm
- Oct 4; K to Breezy Gardens
- Oct 5: MCAS Night 6:30pm
- Oct 7: NO SCHOOL for students; World Smile Day Performance
- Oct 10: NO SCHOOL
- Oct 13: SHCPS Papa Gino Night –Lincoln Street
- Oct 19-21: Grade 6 to Sargent Center

**Instrument Night is coming soon as well, with a Friday afternoon option for lessons! Look for more informa-**



*Be kind.  
Be safe.  
Be responsible.*

Dear Seven Hills Families,

MCAS scores are here! As a school, although we have made considerable gains in mathematics and saw some highlights in English language arts, particularly in grade five, we still have a long way to go. We are eager to reap the benefits to the new school model that we are implementing this year.

**Parents of students who took last year's exam (students currently in grades 4-8), please join us at 6:30pm on October 5th to review your child's MCAS scores** and learn more about the test. Please bring your child with you and notify Ms. Minor at x1144 if you will need babysitting for any younger siblings.

Remember, this week and next are also **Family Conference Weeks**. If you have not already scheduled your appointment, please do. Here is a great video to help you prepare for meeting your child's teachers: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWPwCHboiU&feature=player\\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWPwCHboiU&feature=player_embedded#)

Seven Hills was happy to host a delegation from Beijing, China again today. A group of principal's visited classrooms and enjoyed a welcome performance by members of the Seven Hills Show Choir.

Thank you for your partnership,  
Krista Piazza Superintendent

**New Program:** The YMCA on Main Street in Worcester is now offering after school care for SHCPS students on Fridays for \$20.00 including transportation. Students will be picked up on Gage Street at 12:35PM. To enroll your child please contact 508-755-6101 ext 267.

### **Early Learning Academy-Ms. Cox**

Kindergarten families - don't forget to return the yellow **field trip** permission slip.


We are also happy to announce a new teacher to our first grade team

WELCOME to Ms. Sogn!

This week, we have all worked very hard to continue counting as high as we can! Keep looking for numbers and letters when you are out shopping or walking through Worcester. Our next units we will be looking at changes over time, like seasons. Think about the things you see every day – are they living or non-living? How do they change?

### **Primary Academy-Mrs. Ambrose**


**Let's Celebrate!** Homework completion, class work completion, and behavior are all a part of being a model citizen. Those students who have demonstrated model citizen behavior during the month of September will be invited to participate in the September monthly celebration on Thursday, September 29 (time TBA). Please look for more information to come in your child's agenda book.



## Math @Home

**Place Value Card Game**  
This game is played with cards from 1 to 9 from a deck of cards. Players draw a card at a time and try to create the largest 5-digit number possible. As each card is drawn, the player puts the card down in the ten thousands, thousands, hundreds, tens, or ones place. Once placed, a card cannot be moved. The player with the largest 5-digit number wins.

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## Parent Pointers

Communicating With the School Year-Round

- ▶ Stay attuned to your child's academic accomplishments on a weekly basis. Praise those accomplishments appropriately.
- ▶ Communicate with the school regularly. When you have a concern or question, write a note, or email or phone the teacher. *We need you on our team!*
- ▶ Think ahead: at the end of the school year, schedule a meeting to discuss with the teacher your child's successes and challenges.

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Primary Academy Weekly Question (No entries last week):

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

Which of these is another way to write 6091? (Circle the answer)

A.  $60 + 90 + 1$

B.  $600 + 90 + 1$

C.  $6000 + 90 + 1$

D.  $6000 + 900 + 1$

How did you find your answer (show your work)?

**Elementary Academy - Mrs. Nelson**

Fourth Grade Science students have been engaged in designing and building complex machines, pulling together all their learning from the past six weeks focusing on Machines and Tools. It's been exciting to see the enthusiasm, thoughtful discussions and teamwork as students apply their knowledge and skills to this task!

It's conference time and teachers are making every effort to schedule times which are convenient to families. This is an important opportunity to meet with teachers to review student progress, address any areas of concern and strengthen the school-family partnership to help ensure high academic achievement for our students. Thank you for your participation and support!

**Hello Junior Academy Students! - Mrs. Wright** I want to begin by saying how proud and inspired I am by all of you who are seeking me out and trying to find ways to become an active participant in our school. I have heard ideas about starting student council, JA show choir starting up again, fund raising committee, year book committee, charity events/groups, dance groups and many more. It excites me to know that so many of you want to take part in your school community in a leadership capacity. We are already putting some things in motion and I look forward to helping you bring your ideas to fruition. Please continue to submit your ideas and write me letters or emails that outline a plan. I will be sure to get back to you.

**Word of the Week:** Last week's word of the week was banish. The winner and person who best used this word in a sentence was **Faisat Quadry**. Her sentence was: Emma was banished from JC Penny and Macy's because her son stole jewelry. 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 **concoction**. 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 on Monday, Mrs. Bryan will have the bulletin board outside her office set up 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.

A great big thank you to all the families who came out to support the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chuck. E. Cheese night on Tuesday. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are working really hard to raise money to attend the Sargent Center and every little bit helps. We are also having our first JA dance on September 30<sup>th</sup> to help out with these costs, so don't forget to buy your tickets! They are \$5 prepay, and \$7 if you buy at the door.

Be kind, be safe and be responsible and MAKE a great day, everyday!

The mission of Seven Hills Charter Public School is to prepare a diverse cross-section of Worcester children for success as students, workers, and citizens by providing them with a high-quality education at prevailing public school costs. In order to exemplify success as citizens, each of the four academies at Seven Hills has aligned itself with a Campaign for Change. All staff have the opportunity to make a weekly donation to their academy charity. Road races, community days, and volunteer events throughout the year have been planned in support of these programs.

**Early Learning Academy: SHCPS/City View Community Garden**

**Primary Academy: Relay For Life**

**Elementary Academy: AIDS Project Worcester**

**Junior Academy: Be Like Brit (Haitian Orphanage Project in honor of Britney Gengel)**

**Student Support Team and Office Staff: Autism Speaks**

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**2011-2012 Friday After School Activities Sign Ups (Note: STOMP, Show Choir and Basketball Drills are already running.)**

The following After School Activities will begin on October 14th and will run from 1:00 - 4:00. Please complete the following form and return to the main office by Friday, September 30th:

\_\_\_ Club Invention (grades 2-5)  
\_\_\_ Drumming Circles

\_\_\_ Book Club  
\_\_\_ Chess Club

\_\_\_ Fit and Game Club  
\_\_\_ Art Club

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_