

Seven Hills Charter Public School

Save the Date:

- Oct 4; K to Breezy Gardens
- Oct 5: MCAS Night 6:30pm for all families
- Oct 7: NO SCHOOL for students; World Smile Day Performance
- Oct 10: NO SCHOOL
- Oct 13: SHCPS Papa Gino Night –Lincoln Street
- Oct 17: SEPAC 6pm
- Oct 19-21: Grade 6 to Sargent Center
- 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,

This week, President Obama addressed our nation's schoolchildren. He reached out to inspire them to make a difference. He said "America needs your passion, your ideas, and your energy right at this moment..." In his closing statement, he urged students to work hard, take risks and continue learning past graduation. Like Seven Hills, he believes that children should strive for excellence from *Kindergarten to College, Career and Beyond!* Let's work together to bring out the best in one another and to make all things possible!

Sincerely, Krista Piazza Superintendent

Dear Parents/ Guardians

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the steps that we are taking to ensure that our students reach all their potential academically. We are building on the momentum of college week and the students are working hard to meet the expectations of parents and staff.

As I spend time in the school I see the students are excited about their opportunity to excel in academics, and they aspire to higher education upon graduating from Seven Hills. As the Coordinator of Higher Education I am tasked with making sure that our students have the resources available to make informed decisions about their academic choices and potential options for studies after Seven Hills.

In the last few days I have received a number of phone calls from parents and staff regarding high school preparation for the students of Seven Hills. I am excited that as a community we have a vested interest in our students academic success. A number of parents have recently asked about the process for their student's attending top tier schools in the Worcester community. My first task to make that a reality for our students. **High School Gear-Up Night on November 3, 2011 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.** The event is for our 8th grade parents and students only! We will have future events for other academies within the year. This will be an opportunity for the schools to come to Seven Hills, and provide information on the high school choices in the Worcester area. The presentations will be very informative and help students and parents make a decision as to where they wish for their child to attend high school.

The representatives from area high schools will come to Seven Hills set up stations in the gym and be able to provide information regarding their institution. They may have brochures, videos, applications for your benefit. You will also receive information on upcoming placement exams, open houses, tuition, scholarships, and other factors that may influence your decision in choosing a high school for your student. So that you may mark your calendar here is a review of the date and times for high school gear up night.

The next important event for the Seven Hills calendar is the Learning First Foundation Scholarship Gala for parents at Maxwell's Silverman's in the Worcester. This Learning First Scholarship Gala is October 21, 2011 at Maxwell Silverman's, 25 Union Street in Worcester. This is an opportunity for all parents to receive information regarding the Seven Hills Charter Public School Higher Education Scholarship Program. The evening will consist of an opportunity for parents to loan information on the criteria for the scholarship, and how to ensure that their student has the ability to make high school affordable. I will do a brief presentation on the scholarship. Members of our board will be present, we will also invite local area high schools, and also have individuals from our Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Have a great day
Korey Lee
Coordinator of Higher Education and Multiculturalism

Greetings Early Learning Families and Friends,

We've been working very hard on all our academic work!

Kindergarten is studying living and non-living things. Look around you—what things are alive? How do you know? We will be starting a project on gardens and growing. Ask your kindergartener about how things grow. What do all living things need?


First grade classes are jumping into an imaginary land! We will be creating our own worlds in the classroom. We'll make new animals, plants, and a design for our new world. Which things are fantasy? Which are realistic? Our weeks will be filled with numbers and counting, colors, writing, designing, and reading.

AS THE SEASONS CHANGE, **PLEASE SEND IN A SPARE UNIFORM FOR YOUR CHILD.** THIS INCLUDES: UNIFORM PANTS, UNIFORM SHIRT, UNDERWEAR, AND SOCKS. ACCIDENTS AND SPILLING ARE HAPPENING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP EVERYONE CLEAN AND SAFE.

Primary Academy- Ms. Ambroise

Congratulations to all of the Primary Academy September Model Citizens. Keep up the good work. Our October celebration will be October Fest! Our goal is to have 100% of Primary Academy students earn the Model Citizen celebration each month. Please help your child to become a model citizen by being responsible for completing homework and class work and also by demonstrating the Core Values every day. We believe that with your help, every student can and will be a Model Citizen!


Our second and third graders have been learning about place value and addition and subtracting without regrouping in math. Please help your child to review these concepts by playing the suggested math game below.



Math @Home

Twenty-Five
Place a deck of cards face down. The first player turns over a card. The next player turns over a card, adds it to the previous card and says the sum aloud. Play continues until someone has a card that adds up to a sum greater than 25. When that happens, the player will subtract rather than add. Play continues until someone gets a sum of exactly 25.

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Parent Pointers Providing Homework Support

- ▶ Set a regular time each day for doing homework. That time should be free of distractions such as TV and phone calls.
- ▶ Be sure your child has a place to do homework that is quiet and well lit. Make sure all the appropriate materials -- such as paper and pencils -- are available.
- ▶ Let your child know that homework is important and valuable. Consistently review your child's homework during homework time.

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Congratulations! Last week's Primary Academy Weekly Question Winner was Wilmot Dennis!

Primary Academy Weekly Question:

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

Read the sentence in the box below.

They sniffed the open sack.

What word in this sentence is a VERB?

- A. They B. sniffed C. open D. sack

Elementary Academy-Mrs. Nelson

We've had another busy, rewarding week on the Fourth Floor with students actively engaged in a variety of activities including a 4th Grade virtual tours of the White House, writing personal narratives, reviewing / extending knowledge of multiplication and more! Please ask your child about what he / she is learning in each subject area. Don't settle for 'We're learning math'. Ask questions that get them to share details about their learning.

We're thrilled this year to be able to offer our students cafeteria lunch. It's a great opportunity to develop social skills, visiting with friends from other classrooms, and for students to demonstrate their ability to follow school-wide routines and procedures. It takes a bit of time for students to settle into new routines and we're asking for your support. You can help all our students enjoy a social, safe lunch period by discussing the importance of the following procedures:

Quietly transition to Cafeteria through side door by Map or Playground from Outdoor Recess
Gather everything you need for lunch while in line (spork, ketchup, etc)
Once seated, remain seated
Use bathroom signal and wait to get teacher's attention before moving
Follow '1, 2, 3 procedures for lunch dismissal
Transition QUIETLY and SINGLE FILE up the front stairs-4th grade on right, 5th grade on left

Thank you for the many calls and e-mails offering suggestions, asking for clarification of school policies and demonstrating your willingness to advocate for your child. Please keep the lines of communication open!

Hello Junior Academy Students! Many of you have been asking about how you can become part a of the charity *Be Like Brit*. We will be sending home t-shirt order forms so that we can get the ball rolling and get you all t-shirts to help with the cause. These t-shirts will become part of your school uniform and you can wear them anytime. Some of you know about this charity and others don't, so we will be having a JA assembly in the gym on Friday October 28th at 8am. Britney Gengel's parents will be coming to our school to explain to us what *Be Like Brit* is all about. We need to understand the cause we are supporting and get excited about their mission. Please be sure to fill out your order form with the size of the t-shirt you want and the cost is \$10. I hope that most, if not all of us, will purchase the t-shirt and we can all wear them on October 28th when Britney's parents come here for the assembly, I'm sure they will be overjoyed.

Word of the Week: Last week's word of the week was concoction. The winner and person who best used this word in a sentence was Elaine Daniels. Her sentence was: Before the Halloween party, Mom poured a green concoction into our glasses that was actually quite good. 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 **deft**. 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! Don't forget about Mrs. Bryan's creative writing challenge. The directions, rubric, writing topic or picture will be hung on the bulletin board outside her office. 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 thanks to all students and their families who are selling Yankee Candle furiously, in hopes of sending ALL of our 6th grade students to Sargent Center in October. Every order helps.

Be kind, be safe and be responsible and MAKE a great day, everyday!
Fondly,
Mrs. Wright

SE PAC's (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) next meeting will be held on Monday , October 17th at 6pm. For an agenda and other important group information please visit www.sevenhillssepac.webs.com or email Parent Contact, Lee-Ann Johnson, at pac@sevenhillscharter.org. This group is an advisory council to the Board of Trustees but can only represent the concerns of families with children with special needs if we know what they are. If you are unable to attend a meeting and are a parent of a child currently on an IEP or 504 plan please go to the following link to share your voice <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J9TMZK8>. Thank you and we look forward to meeting you and/or hearing from you soon!

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.