

SHCPS Weekly Newsletter

October 16, 2009

Responsibility is our Core Value for October.

Save the Date:	
Oct. 18: Show Choir and Stomp Performance at the Boys and Girls Club 2:30 PM; Show Choir Performance with Young at Heart at Mechanics Hall at 8:00 PM Oct. 20: SAC 6:00 PM Oct. 21: SHCPS Pizza Fundraiser at Uno's Oct. 23: JA Dance 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Costumes Welcome. Oct. 26: Picture Retake Day	Oct. 26-30: Parent Guild Dress Down Sticker Sheets for Sale for \$10. Oct. 27: Community Banking Oct. 30: Parent Guild Dress Down Day \$1 or Sticker November is MA Family Literacy Month!

Mon.= Day 1

Tue.= Day 2

Wed. = Day 3

Thurs. = Day 4

Fri.= Day 5

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,


Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Family Conference and High School Gear Up Night. We hope the evening was informative and teachers and students have a clear sense of how they can work together to achieve learning goals and have a wonderful school experience. If you were unable to attend the conference but would like to learn more about the grade level expectations and the new standards based Student Learning Contracts and PowerSchool gradebooks, please go to <http://www.sevenhillscharter.org/slc.shtml>. We appreciate your support and want this year to be positive and productive for everyone. Thanks for all you do!


Sincerely,


Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Star Student Congratulations to Tinevimbo Vushe!

Rainbow House News: This week's winner for La Frase Secreta is Tamara Tarwoe from fifth grade. Star students for this week are Bekar Bayala, Joseph Carey and Krisellen Gillete. Congratulations!!!!!!

 The SHCPS Show Choir and Stomp Team will perform at the Boys and Girls Club at 2:30 PM for their Arts in the Afternoon event. Later that evening, the Show Choir will open for Young at Heart at Mechanics Hall.

 **Parent Partnerships** The Parent Guild met earlier this week to confirm plans for this year's Dress Down Day (DDD) fundraisers. As usual, the Parent Guild will sponsor ten dress down days in order to support the annual Field Day that takes place in June. However, they decided to do things a bit differently this year. Instead of paying each time it is a DDD, parents can buy a sheet of ten DDD stickers that can be used throughout the year. Five of the stickers can only be used on the following designated schoolwide DDD's: Oct. 30, Nov. 10, Dec. 11, Jan. 14, Feb. 5. (If you do not buy the sticker sheet, you may still dress down on these dates by bringing \$1 to school). The remaining five stickers can be "cashed in" for a DDD on any day except those during MCAS or school assemblies or fieldtrips. That way, if you don't have a clean uniform or are just feeling creative one morning, you can use your sticker and dress down that day! DDD sticker sheets will be sold in homerooms for \$10 during the week of October 26-30. Don't miss out!

 Save the date! Ms. Thyden is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming book fair. Please contact the school at 508-799-7500 if you are available anytime on Nov. 16, 17 or 18. We appreciate your involvement!

Community Connections The Boys and Girls Club located at 65 Tainter Street is hosting the Worcester Mayoral Candidates Youth Forum from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on October 26th. Come and have a voice in your community! For more information, call 774-641-1132 or email mariannaislam@yahoo.com.



SHCPS Weekly Challenge

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

This week's challenge:



Eat at Uno's on Major Taylor Blvd. on Oct. 21 and 20% of your food bill will be donated back to Seven Hills Charter School. Families must have a Seven Hills "Raise Dough" coupon to participate. Coupons were sent home with all students last week. Additional coupons are available in the Main Office at Seven Hills.

★ Thank you for the following community groups for participating in last night's Family Conference and High School

IMPORTANT!! PARENTS, PLEASE **DO NOT** SEND YOUR CHILD(REN) TO SCHOOL IN HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ON OCTOBER 30, 2009. The Seven Hills Community includes many different cultures and beliefs and we wish to be respectful of all of our families. At a later date (possibly in November) Seven Hills will be celebrating a Character Day and children will be invited to dress as a character from their favorite book. Until then, please assist us in teaching the children a valuable lesson in understanding and respecting differences by making sure they arrive to Seven Hills in their standard uniform clothing on October 30th. Thank you.

Gear Up Night: Friendly House & Civil Air Patrol. We are looking forward to continued partnerships.

Reminders

- The notification of Supplemental Educational Services (SES) went home with eligible students in September and again last week, along with autodial reminders. The final deadline for signing up for the program is November 6th. Please be sure to have your forms in to the Main Office prior to that deadline in order to access these services.
- NJHS is offering FREE tutoring for students in all grades every Monday and Wednesday in Room 227 from 3:00 - 4:15 PM. Please call the Main Office to sign up with Ms. Gengel.
- Spelling Bee Study Guides are available in the Main Office or through the school's website. Study!
- Winter weather is coming soon. Please be sure your kids are bundled up for the cold weather. Contact Ms. Dirsa at x1108 if you need help getting hats, coats, mittens, etc. for your children. Please be aware that the uniform policy is in full effect. We appreciate your cooperation. In the event of extreme weather conditions, listen to the radio and television stations for announcements regarding early dismissals, school delays or closings: WSRS 96.1 FM, WXLO 104.5 FM, WTAG 580 AM, WCVB TV Channel 5, WHDH TV Channel 7 and WBS TV Channel 4. You may also call Seven Hills at 508-799-7500 after 6:30 AM to listen to an automated message.
- When dropping off or picking up students at Seven Hills, please **DO NOT** block residential driveways or the parking lot entrance at New England Medical Center. Vehicles should proceed in an orderly fashion as directed by the Teachers posted outside. Please be considerate and patient with other parents dropping off/picking up their child(ren).
- Attendance is very important at Seven Hills! Continued or chronic absence or tardiness for unexcused reasons may result in referral to our Family & Student Support Team, or, in extreme cases, to the Department of Family & Children Services or Worcester Juvenile Court. Attendance affects a student's academic performance. Please be sure your child(ren) arrives to school before 7:45 AM each day.
- For the safety of your child(ren), all early dismissals for doctor's appointments, etc. must be submitted in writing and students must be picked up from the Main Office before 2:15 PM. Changes in dismissal must be directed to Ms. Reyes and will not be accepted after 2:15 PM unless there is an extreme emergency.



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

Write the corrected word or sentence below.



Name _____ HR Teacher _____