



## Seven Hills Charter School Weekly Newsletter

December 4, 2009

Compassion is our Core Value for December.

### Save the Date!

Dec. 6: Gr. 7,8 Girls' Basketball Game at 3:00pm at Venerini;  
Boys Game at St. Mary's at 4:30pm  
Dec. 7: PA Auditions for Beauty and the Beast  
Dec. 8: EA Auditions for Beauty and the Beast; Parent Guild 6:00  
Show Choir to Masonic Home 10am-12noon  
Dec. 9: JA Auditions for Beauty and the Beast; SLC's Go Home  
Dec. 11: Model Citizen Assemblies; Half Day for Parent Conferences  
Dec 13: 7,8 Grade Girls BB game @ Venerini (12noon)

Dec 15: Show Choir perform at Brairwood 1:15-2:30  
Dec 17: JA Science Fair  
Dec 18: H1N1 Clinic  
Dec. 12 - Gr. 5,6 Basketball at City View  
Dec 20: 7,8 Girls BB game @ Venerini (3pm)  
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,

The first trimester has come to a close and Student Learning Contracts (SLC's) will be sent home with all students on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that this new SLC format was designed to help you understand the developmental progression of skills your child must achieve throughout the year in order to be prepared for success in the next grade level and beyond. The report is meant to provide insights into your child's strengths and weaknesses so we can work together to give them the support and practice that they need both in school and out. We look forward to a productive partnership in order to bring out the best in each and every child.

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 on 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. Awards will be given for academic honors and model citizenship. 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.

**Congratulations!** to our School-Wide Spelling Bee winners: PA- Carlos Goden and Naaoyoe Odjidja, EA -Afia Somiah and Natalie Felix, - JA- Veronica Williams and Kelly Akuffo. We are so impressed with the performance of all of our spellers this year. It is obvious that they studied hard and strove to do their best. Thank you to all of the staff, friends and family members who helped them prepares and cheered them on.

**Star Students** Congratulations to Kathy Rodriguez, Henry Germosen, Shamar Simms, Brendan Saysay, Hector Rivera, Tiara Johnson and Yadrina Williams.

**Rainbow House News** Star Students for this week: **Daniel Meneses and Nathan Wright**. We know we have some great talent at Seven Hills. Come on out and shine at auditions for **Beauty and the Beast!** This is opening weekend for our basketball season. Join us to cheer on our Seven Hills superstars! Save the date for our *Sounds of the Seasons* concert coming up on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Parent Partnerships** Seven Hills is proud to host a full day kindergarten program that is fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). That accreditation must be renewed every five years. As part of that process, families are asked to provide feedback about their child's school experience. Surveys were sent home with all K students today. All surveys are confidential and anonymous. Please return your completed survey to the main office in the envelope that will be provided. All surveys must be received by December 18th. Additional information is available at [www.rightchoiceforkids.org](http://www.rightchoiceforkids.org) Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you for all of your participation in the Book Fair and Holiday Bazaar. Although neither of these events are designed to be fundraisers, because of the huge success of the book fair, we were able to raise \$902.08 for our school library fund! Thank you and keep reading!

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

The RONALD MCDONALD CARE MOBILE TEAM will be here on Monday, December 7 from 8am to 2:30pm in the gym. Fluoride will be given to students that have parental permission.

**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**

**A message from Y.O.U Inc:** Mejor Persona - Mejor Madre y Padre , Martes 15 de Diciembre de 2009 12:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M., Presentado por Jeanette Cardozo, Y.O.U. Inc. 81 Plantation Street 2do Piso Worcester, MA 01604

No se pierda este taller GRATIS para Familias.

Si tiene preguntas llamar a Francine Winslow-Ramos 508-849-5600 ext. 260 [winslowf@youinc.org](mailto:winslowf@youinc.org)



Are you a Celtics fan? The SHCPS Ski and Snowboard Club is selling having a raffle for two tickets to the February 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Center for Disease Control recommend that school age children be vaccinated against the H1N1 flu. Seven Hills is working with the city to have this vaccination available at no cost to our students during the school day. Parents who want their child 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.) The date is tentatively set for December 18 so please get your forms in quickly if you haven't already. Any parents who are certified RN's who would like to volunteer to assist with this process should contact our school nurse. We appreciate your help.

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