



St. Edmund's Academy
An Independent School

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CURRENT HAPPENINGS AT SEA

December 1, 2009

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe there are only three more weeks until Winter Break. Mid-Semester I ended on October 20, 2009, and we are well into the second quarter of the first Semester. Thank you for attending Parent-Teacher Conferences during the first week in November, which provided you an opportunity to review and discuss the Mid-Semester I Progress Reports mailed home.

As you know, it is a very busy month in the school year. We have much happening in so little time.... basketball games, the Holiday Bazaar, concerts, the Christmas Pageant, community service initiatives, classroom parties, tests, quizzes, written papers...

Wishing you and your family a peaceful and relaxing break filled with enjoyable moments spent with your children.

Warm wishes,

Susan

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Holiday Concert, Wednesday, December 15

- The **Lower School Holiday Concert** will take place on **Tuesday, December 15, at 8:30 a.m.** All parents and guests are invited.

PTA Holiday Bazaar

- The Dining Hall will be transformed into a shopping wonderland on **Friday, December 4**. Students and their families may do Holiday shopping for parents, siblings, pets, friends, and themselves. **The Holiday Bazaar** raffle will be held at the end of the day.

St. Edmund's Christmas Pageant

- St. Edmund's 6th graders will perform in our annual **Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. THERE WILL BE NO CHAPEL SERVICE AT 8:15 AM THAT MORNING.**

Community Service

- The 8th grade donated **62 boxes of Thanksgiving dinners** to **The Hope Network** from our school wide initiative, **Thanksgiving Gifts.**

BASKETBALL GAMES/PRACTICE IN DECEMBER

- Practice time is from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Practices and games are tentatively scheduled for the following days:
~~ **Boys Games** – December 3, 4, 9, 11, 14, 16
~~ **Boys Practice** – December 1, 2, 8, 10, 15

~~ **Girls Games** – December 3, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16

~~ **Girls Practice** - December 1, 2, 8, 10, 15

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES/EVENTS

- Wed., Dec. 2 8:15 a.m., PTA Board meeting
- Thurs., Dec. 3 8:15 a.m., Chapel; **Coffee hosted by 6th grade**
- Fri., Dec. 4 **PTA Holiday Bazaar**
- Fri., Dec. 4 11:40-1:45 p.m., 8th grade works at Squirrel Hill library
- Fri., Dec. 4 **6:30-9:00 p.m., 7th & 8th grade Dance** at SEA
- Fri., Dec. 4 **'Holiday Colors' dress-down day; \$.50**
- Wed., Dec. 9 **8th grade ONLY** dress-down day
- Thurs., Dec. 10 9:00-10:00 a.m., **Admissions Information Session & Tours** for all grades
- Thurs., Dec. 10 5:30-7:00 p.m., **Admissions Information Session & Tours** for all grades
- Fri., Dec. 11 10:00 a.m., PreK I & PreK II is visited by the Carnegie Library Children's librarian
- Sat., Dec. 12 SSAT Testing
- Mon., Dec. 14 1:55 p.m., Lower School Winter Concert dress rehearsal
- Tues., Dec. 15 **8:30 a.m., Lower School Winter Concert** for parents & guests
- Wed., Dec. 16 10:00 a.m., Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal for PreK & Kindergarten
- Wed., Dec. 16 **1:00 p.m., PreKindergarten II Holiday party**
- Thurs., Dec. 17 **10:00 a.m., & 7:00 p.m., SEA Annual Christmas Pageant**
- Thurs., Dec. 17 **1:00 p.m., Kindergarten Holiday party**
- Thurs., Dec. 17 **2:00 p.m., 2nd grade Holiday party**
- Fri., Dec. 18 **8:15 a.m., 3rd grade Holiday Breakfast**
- Fri., Dec. 18 **10:00 a.m., SEA Chorus sings at Ross Park Mall**
- Fri., Dec. 18 **11:00 a.m., PreKindergarten I Holiday party**
- Fri., Dec. 18 **1:00 p.m., Kindergarten & 8th Grade Buddies End-of-2009 Pajama Party**
- Fri., Dec. 18 **1:55 p.m., 4th grade Medieval Christmas party**
- Fri., Dec. 18 **2:30 p.m., 1st grade Holiday party**
- Fri., Dec. 18 3:30 p.m., Winter Break begins
- Sat., Dec. 12 Hanukkah
- Thurs., Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Fri., Dec. 26 Kwanzaa begins
- Fri., Jan. 1 New Year's Day
- Dec. 19-Jan. 3 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS; WINTER BREAK**
- **Mon., Jan. 4 CLASSES RESUME FOR ALL STUDENTS**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!