



ST. GEORGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

December 20: Lady Dragons will play in the Division II basketball championship game. Lincolnville Central School at approx. 11:45AM
December 22: 6:30PM, 5th Grade Band Concert
December 23: Early dismissal, 12:20PM
December 24-January 4: School vacation
January 5: Return to school

Interim Report Update

Students in grades 6-8 receive interim reports approximately half way through each quarter. These reports provide important information about incomplete work, learning progress and work habits. Students also have the opportunity to reflect on their progress on this form. While we have mailed the reports in the past, the next interim report will be sent home with students before the holiday vacation. Please be sure to ask your student for your copy. Interim reports will not be prepared for 5th grade students.

6th & 7th Grade Health Curriculum News

We will be beginning to learn about substance abuse during health class. In grade 6, we work with a Great Body Shop unit called, "Addictions" and learn about the harmful affects of drugs. In grade 7, our unit is called, "Danger Ahead: The Truth about Drugs". We continue to learn about the gateway drugs: marijuana, inhalants, alcohol and tobacco. We also focus on protective factors that encourage young people to make healthy decisions. If you would like to preview any of the curriculum or materials used in class or have any questions, please contact me at lmclaughlin@msad50.org or at school.

Stormy Weather?

Check TV and radio stations as well as VillageSoup.com for school delay and cancellation notices. If bad weather develops after we have arrived at school, please stay tuned to the TV and radio for announcements regarding early dismissal. **Please do not call the school for this information.** School staff will call the parents of all students in grades K-2 to spread the news of an early dismissal and to get any special instructions for after school plans. If time allows, staff will contact parents of 3rd grade students. Students in grades 3-8 should come to school knowing what to do and where to go in the event of an early dismissal. A note from home detailing these plans would be great! Please help us keep the phone lines open!

K-2 News

Our 1st and 2nd grade students treated us to a lively, upbeat concert this week. They did a fantastic job learning the seasonal songs and singing them with lots of energy. We had a huge turnout of parents, families and friends, as usual. This made for a very special event. A big thank you to Mrs. Pacheco for a job well done!

Earlier in the day, St. George School had the good fortune of attending a play in the gym. The Hampstead Players performed A Christmas Carol. Our own Mrs. Falla was plucked from the audience to demonstrate her acting prowess. She was very convincing as an apprentice to Scrooge and as a ghost later in the show. Both events highlighted the excellent behavior our students demonstrate at performances. They do a very good job being respectful to the performers and other audience members around them.

St. George School Logowear

The Parent Group has re-stocked their inventory of shirts, hats, sweatshirts and stuff sacks, all with the St. George School dragon logo. Items will be available for purchase at the band concerts on December 17 (middle level band) and on December 22 (5th grade band).

St. George Recreation Department Wayne Judkins

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to help us set-up, clean-up, do the scorebook, run the scoreboard, or referee at our youth basketball games. Please let us know if you're willing and able to help. If you don't know how to do some of these tasks, but would like to learn, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department. We'd be more than happy to take the time to teach you! It's a fun and enjoyable way to be close to the action!

If you're interested in coaching one of our youth teams, please contact us for details on how the process works. Don't delay, if you think you might be interested in coaching, now's the time to put your name in the hat!

Lady Dragons Headed for Championship Game!

Our Division II girl's basketball team is capping their undefeated season by taking on Appleton in the league championship game. The game will be played at Lincolnville Central School this Saturday at approximately 11:45AM. Congratulations Dragons and good luck!

Moms 'n Sons

Knox County and Lincolnville boys in grades 3, 4, and 5 and mothers or other significant female adults in their lives are invited to attend the January sessions of the **Moms 'n Sons** program. The sessions will be held from 6 to 8 pm at the Pen Bay YMCA on the following dates:

Wednesday January 7th

Wednesday January 14th

Wednesday January 21st

The focus of the popular programs, led by Hank Lunn and Nancy Laite, is to have fun while enhancing the bonds between boys and their parent or other significant adult. The sessions will provide information about issues such as not using tobacco or other substances, anti-bullying, increase physical activity, and good nutrition. Each evening starts with a "Getting to Know You" activity, a light healthy meal and a short discussion on making healthy choices. The remainder of the evening will be spent playing games and activities that all can participate in equally.

Funding for the program is in collaboration with the Knox County Community Health Coalition (A Healthy Maine Partnership), the Pen Bay YMCA, Mid-Coast Boys to Men and the Rockland Kiwanis.

The series is FREE. But you must register to participate. Enrollment is limited, so sign-up today! Attendance at all three sessions is highly recommended.

To register, contact **Connie Putnam** at **594-5440, ext. 1** or **c-putnam@verizon.net**