



COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

Quick Notes

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

School Calendar

(Please visit http://www.communityschool.net/news_cal.html for a more detailed school calendar.)

Wednesday	Dec. 14	12:15-12:45 pm	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Bolivian Exchange Program)
Monday – Friday	Dec. 19 - Dec. 30		School Closed for Winter Break
Monday	Jan. 2		Classes Resume
Wednesday	Jan. 4	12:15-12:45 pm	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome (mac & cheese, green beans, lemonade) Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Middle School Choirs)
Wednesday	Jan. 4	6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting (Emilie's room)
Wednesday	Jan. 11	12:15-12:45 pm	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome
Friday	Jan. 13	1:30 pm	Local Hero Award Ceremony (Talmadge Recital Hall, Hollins University)
Friday	Jan. 13		Deadline for Submitting Sibling Admissions Applications (Late applicants cannot be guaranteed priority placement.)
Monday	Jan. 16		School Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Wednesday	Jan. 18	12:15-12:45 pm	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome (all beef hotdog, chips, fruit, lemonade)
Wednesday	Jan. 25	12:15-12:45 pm	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome
Friday	Jan. 27		Conference Day (No Classes) - Snow Date: February 2 End of First Semester
Monday	Jan. 30		Start of Second Semester

Best Wishes for a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season!

You Can Still Order a Holiday Song to Support the CS Choirs

The Middle School Choir and Show Choir are once again sharing holiday songs for \$1 per person, per song. Choose a song for your favorite Community School person, and a group of choir members will sing your holiday greeting during the week of December 12. Your recipient will also receive a card showing who sent the song. All proceeds go to the choirs for their spring trip to the Kings Dominion Choral Festival. What a great way to wish someone happy holidays and to support the choral program! Please fill out your requests on the form attached to *Quick Notes* on November 29 and return to Kim M. by Wednesday, December 14.

Food Drive Continues Until December 16

Thank you for contributing to the non-perishable food drive that was donated to the Salvation Army. We collected over 200 items.

We will continue to collect the UPC codes from Con Agra food products as part of Feeding America's program (FeedingAmerica.org) to reduce childhood hunger. Please turn all UPC codes in to your student's teacher or to the office by December 16.

Keyboard Lab Update

Many thanks for your support in donating funds for the Community School Yamaha Music in Education Keyboard Lab! At this point, we have raised 57% of our goal of \$15,000, with a total of \$8500 raised. Sponsorships are still available, and **all** donations are welcome and appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, contact Pattie or Holly. We are planning on a special fundraising event in March 2012. Help us make this a reality for our school.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found cabinet located outside the main office for your child's possessions. Everything not claimed by December 16 will be donated to a local charity.

Sibling Applications for Fall 2012

If you are interested in enrolling a sibling in our fall 2012 classes, please contact Victoria by January 13 (victoria@communityschool.net). This year, our early learner and elementary classes are full, and we anticipate that spaces will be very tight again next fall. Siblings of current students have priority for available spaces, but we must know how many siblings are interested in order to reserve those spaces. Students must turn three by the end of September 2012 in order to apply for our early learner classes. **Please note: We cannot guarantee priority placement for siblings unless parents notify us of their intent by January 13.**

Coats for Kids Service Project

The middle school will be collecting gently used coats to donate to Roanoke Area Ministries as part of the annual Coats for Kids program. Coats can be any size, but should be clean and in good condition. Linda's classroom in the middle school has a donation box for them and will accept coats from December 1 through January 17. Thank you for your help.

Needed for Art Project

We are still in need of rocks for our cairn. If you are taking a trip over the holiday break, perhaps you could bring back an interesting rock for our project? Or, if you have visitors coming, perhaps they could bring one to share? Thank you for your assistance!

Weather Closing and Delay Information

If there is any chance of a weather-related school closing or delayed opening, please check one or more of the following TV or radio stations: WSLs-TV 10, WDBJ-7, Q-99 FM or K-92FM. (Note: WVTF no longer provides closing information on the air or online.) Best bet for accurate, timely information: call Community School (563-5036) after 6:00 am on the morning of a potential closing and listen to the voice mail message or check the CS webpage. Please recheck the listings throughout the morning as our opening status occasionally changes as weather conditions change. On days of a delayed 10:00 am opening: classes start at 10:00 am, and there is no Before School Care. You may drop off your children beginning at 9:45 am. If weather requires an early school dismissal, we will post it on our webpage and the TV and radio stations listed above. **Please note:** CS does not follow the other systems; we make our own decisions regarding weather closings and delays.

Would you like to receive notification of our school closings and delayed openings through Twitter?

Just go to our homepage (www.communityschool.net) and click on the small Twitter button on the lower right side of the page. You must have an account to follow us. If you don't have a Twitter account, you will be able to create one from this page. Don't worry, it's easy and free. As you set up your account, you will have the option to have our notifications sent to your cell phone as a text message, or you can read notifications on your computer. We recommend that you set your account to send our tweets to your cell phone, as you will know almost immediately, wherever you are, if we have to call for an early closing. At this time, we will only use this service for weather and early closing notifications. You don't have to worry about being inundated with tweets from us! If we decide to use this service for notifications of other school-wide events, you will read it in *Quick Notes* before we implement it.

Tuition Payment Information

The December tuition payment is due December 20 for those parents/caregivers on the monthly payment plan. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Nelson at sue@communityschool.net.

Visit our Staff Bulletin Board

This week's featured staff: Kim H. (upper elementary teacher), Linda (middle school teacher), and Pattie (director of development and marketing). Come by the second floor hallway in the Boxwoods House to learn all about us!

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