



COMMUNITY  
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# Quick Notes

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

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## School Calendar

(Please visit [http://www.communityschool.net/news\\_cal.html](http://www.communityschool.net/news_cal.html) for a more detailed school calendar.)

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| 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)<br>Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Middle School Choirs)          |
| Wednesday | Jan. 4  | 6:15 pm        | <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b> (Emilie's room)  |
| Wednesday | Jan. 11 | 12:15-12:45 pm | Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome<br>Bake Sale (sponsored by Keri's class)  |
| Friday    | Jan. 13 | 1:30 pm        | <b>Local Hero Award Ceremony</b><br>(Talmadge Recital Hall, Hollins University)   |
| Friday    | Jan. 13 |                | <b>Deadline for Submitting Sibling Admissions Applications</b><br>(Late applicants cannot be guaranteed priority placement.)  |
| Monday    | Jan. 16 |                | <b>School Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day</b>   |
| 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)<br>Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Bolivian Exchange Program) |
| Wednesday | Jan. 25 | 12:15-12:45 pm | Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome<br>Bake Sale (sponsored by the upper elementary classes)  |
| Friday    | Jan. 27 |                | <b>Conference Day (No Classes)</b> - Snow Date: February 2<br><b>End of First Semester</b>  |
| Monday    | Jan. 30 |                | <b>Start of Second Semester</b>   |
| Wednesday | Feb. 1  | 12:15-12:45 pm | Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome (tacos, chips & salsa, black beans, lemonade)<br>Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Middle School Choirs)  |
| Wednesday | Feb. 1  | 6:15 pm        | <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b> (Emilie's room) Committees only  |
| Wednesday | Feb. 8  | 12:15-12:45 pm | Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome<br>Bake Sale (sponsored by Keri's class)  |

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## Local Hero Award Ceremony

Since 2002, Community School has sponsored the Local Hero Award to honor the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. This year, the Local Hero Award Committee has chosen to honor a local non-profit agency whose efforts in the community have exemplified the peaceful efforts of Dr. King.

Our middle school students create the award, choose the award recipient, and lead the ceremony recognizing the award winner. **This year's ceremony will be held on Friday, January 13, at 1:30 pm in Talmadge Recital Hall on the campus of Hollins University.** Our older students will attend the ceremony, and they invite all of our community to attend as well.

Friday, January 13, is a full school day, and our after school program will operate on a regular schedule. In honor of Dr. King's birthday, Community School will be closed on Monday, January 16.

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## Alumni Updates

1) **Rylin L.** (Seminar class of 1996) is currently in graduate school in Portland, Oregon, studying physical therapy. Her brother, **Jesse L.** (Seminar class of 1991), teaches English at Franklin County High School.

2) **Emily F.** (Seminar class of 2003) graduated from Marlboro College this year with a B.A. in creative writing, children's literature, and biology. She lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she loves her job as a shift supervisor and legal assistant at a homeless shelter. She is thinking about the possibility of pursuing graduate education in mental health counseling or law, but plans to work for at least two years before deciding. Her sister, **Beth F.** (Seminar class of 2001), who holds a bachelor's degree in screenwriting from North Carolina School of the Arts, is currently applying to schools in Austria to study German. She spent some time last year working at a hostel in Germany. Beth hopes to become a Spanish and German book translator.

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## Thank You!

Thank you to all of the families who sent in holiday treats for the faculty and staff. They were delicious and much appreciated!

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to CHS student Haley Hoff who placed first in the Regional Shakespeare Competition held at Virginia Western Community College last month. She will be competing in the national competition in New York City for a chance to study in England next summer. Congratulations as well to CS alumna Maggie Hirst who placed third in the competition.

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## 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](mailto: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.**

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## Coats for Kids Service Project

The middle school is 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 through January 17. Thank you for your help.

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## Tuition Payment Information

Tuition payments for January are due January 20 for our monthly tuition payers. Also due on January 20 are the second payments for the twice yearly payers. The Business Manager will mail statements with the tuition balance due by the end of this week. If you have any questions, please contact Sue at [sue@communityschool.net](mailto:sue@communityschool.net).

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## 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](http://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.

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## Visit our Staff Bulletin Board

This week's featured staff: Michi (administrative director). Come by the second floor hallway in the Boxwoods House to learn all about us!

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