

Chelsea Public School

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Dear Parents:

Next Friday January 18th is the end of our first semester. Report cards will be issued to students on the following Friday January 25th. Often times report cards get lost in the transition from school to home so if you do not see a report card on that Friday please contact the school to make arrangements for a copy to be mailed or picked up. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and I look forward to having a great second half to our school year.

School Website

As many of you know we have a new web page for Chelsea Public School this year. Like anything that is new we are trying to work out problems, fill in the blanks and make it as user friendly as possible. I would like feedback and suggestions from parents and community members about our website and what additional information you would like to access when you go there. Please e-mail me with any of this information at: bwilliams@chelseaschoolvt.org

High School Exam Week

We are quickly approaching the end of the first semester which means that during the week of January 14th, teachers will be giving students either a final exam or mid term exam. This year we have worked out an exam schedule which you will find a copy of on the back side of this newsletter. There is an opportunity for students to be dismissed early on Tuesday and Wednesday but only with parent permission. We will provide students with opportunities to meet with teachers, study quietly and other indoor/outdoor activities.

Open House for Sending School Students

On January 17th between 6pm - 7pm we will be hosting an open house for prospective students from surrounding towns. The evening will include a meet and greet, a tour of the building and panel discussions with Administrators, teachers, board members and students. We will conclude the evening by inviting the students and parents who attend to the girl's varsity basketball game against Rochester that evening.

Diversity Day

I have included in the exam week schedule a draft of our Diversity Day activities. This is a full day with structured activities for all students. The time for each activity has yet to be determined but will be distributed prior to the 18th. We encourage parents to take part in the activities with your children but do request that you let us know ahead of time so we can plan accordingly. Visitors will still need to sign in and wear a visitor's pass when they are in the building.

Randolph Tech

On Friday February 1st Pat Helpin from the RTCC program will be here to present the different program options they offer to our sophomores and juniors. Any student who is interested in visiting the tech center will have an opportunity to do so on Thursday, February 28th. If you as parents would like to attend Mr. Helpin's presentation on the 1st please feel free to do so.

Mountain School Visit

On January 25th a representative from the Mountain School will be here to give a short presentation from 8:30-9am in the café. This presentation is geared toward sophomores and juniors because the mountain school only accepts juniors and seniors into their program. Parents are more than welcome to attend as it may be helpful to gather information for when your son or daughter is filling out the application.

Interest in Club Activities

I have been approached by Anthony Spinella, a middle school student who is interested in starting a cup stacking club. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this activity it is used primarily to improve hand eye coordination. At this time we are looking for students who are interested in joining this club which would meet one night a week after school from 3-4pm. This will allow us to determine the cost of purchasing materials and allow time to find an advisor for this club. If you think your child might be interested please have them sign up on the cup stacking sign up sheet which will be posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

Upcoming Events

Exam Days - Jan. 15th, 16th, 17th
Open House - Jan. 17th
Diversity Day - Jan. 18th

Boys Basketball - 1/12 - @ West Rutland
1/21 - H South Royalton

Girls Basketball - 1/17 - H Rochester
1/19 - @ Concord

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!
Barrett Williams - Principal