

December 11, 2008

Dear Parents,

The confirmed calendar for the next three school years can be found on the Cosgriff web page. [Click here to view the calendar.](#)

Please refer to the holiday or “No School” dates when planning family vacations. Parents often request school work for students to complete while on a vacation. Extra reading and writing do not take the place of direct classroom instruction.

Please try hard to abide by the 180 day school attendance requirement. It is very difficult for most students to catch up when they miss several consecutive days of school.

Please read the following:

- Two parent volunteers are needed Monday-Thursday from 11:50am – 12:50pm to supervise students on the playground. The school has also hired one paid employee to work during that time. The configuration of the playground along with the large number of students playing makes it necessary to have at least 3 persons outside at one time for student safety. It is very important that those parents who have signed up for recess duty show up for recess duty. If a conflict arises and you cannot make it, please try to find a substitute and always call the office (486-3197) for assistance.
- Please clean out your closets and donate clean, almost new coats, hats, gloves, blankets, and other warm winter items for the Homeless Shelter.

Canned protein food, baby formula, diapers, and personal hygiene items are also needed. Donations can be placed in front of the office.

- Last weekend, Megan Strand, a seventh grade student, went door to door in her neighborhood handing out flyers she made for the Christmas Box House. Megan collected \$262 in donations. Special recognition goes to Megan for her Christian spirit and effort to help others! Her self initiative and empathy for those in need are certainly qualities to be admired.
- **Social Justice:** As part of Religion and character formation at Cosgriff, Kay Bush schedules a speaker each month for the middle school students. The speaker is a representative from one of the many community service organizations in the state of Utah. Students will hopefully, become more aware of the many opportunities for service and also the great need in Utah to assist children and adults because of illness and/or poverty.

The Student Council selects the service projects for each month. They chose the Christmas Box House and Homeless Shelter for December 2008. The rationale was that the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing are the number one priority in life, and due to the weaker economy, more people require basic support. This Christmas, our charitable support is greatly needed outside of the Cosgriff community.

- Friday, December 12th students may wear free dress if they bring in \$3.00 or two items for the Homeless Shelter or Christmas Box House.
- A special thank you to Mr. Huntzinger and the following students who gave of their time and talent for service to the community. Students sang at a special interfaith concert and fundraiser.

Alea Bristow	Danny Brown	Lane Brusa
Skylar Frandsen	Adams Freeman	Ellie Harmston
Shelby Jimenez	Abi Kretschmar	Abbi Mancini
Sarah McGregor	Erin Morgan	Mary Oliver
Sydney Pullet	Jackson Roberts	Will Ryan
Brady Smith	Gabe Smith	Hannah Vasquez
Lachlan Zuchetto	Peri Brimley	Gabi Prior
Katy Bonacci	Rachel Shubella	Sarah Beth Anderson
Tyler Rollman	Max Winston	Sam Cheeseman
Harrison Fauth	Emmi Koszinowski	Madeline Osborne
Gillian Young	Gabby Paul	Emily Thompson
Francesca Botto	Kathleen Larson	Bailey Jacquet
Mitch Martino	Sara Shum	Paul Oliver
Megan Strand	Gabi Dodson	Teddy Jemming
Mikaela Schmiett	Cristina Cendejas	Lindsay Ryan
Connor Morgan	Caroline Holyoak	Ian Hansen
Nate Klebba		

- The class Christmas party for Cosgriff students will be held Monday, December 22nd. There will be no Extended Day Care in the afternoon.
- Please support your child by planning for ample study and project completion time as the end of the first semester draws near. First semester report cards will go home on January 8th. The school Honor Assembly will be January 9th.
- Hot lunch orders for January 2009 must be turned in by Friday, December 12th.
- Thank you to the families who purchased poinsettias and Christmas trees; the school will benefit from the profit of the sales.

- Think of the Mardi Gras Silent Auction and gift basket sections when you do your Christmas shopping. Certificates or items from stores (sports, children, home, restaurant, entertainment, and hotels) are needed and greatly appreciated.
- Mardi Gras raffle tickets will be sent home next week with your child. Please be sure to ask your child for them.
- Extra ski program sign up forms are in the office. ***Registration forms must be turned into the office by Monday, December 22nd***. [Click here](#) to download a registration form.
- Finally, please keep the Walz family in your thoughts and prayers. Tommy Walz is undergoing serious medical treatment for his heart at Primary Children's Hospital.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal