

Principally Speaking – December 2011

Parent Information regarding Placement Tests for 2012 – 2013 School Year

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2011 – 2012 school year. This month is filled with many exciting events. I am especially excited about our Home and School Holiday Boutique. Our Home and School committee has worked hard revamping this festive holiday party and gift shopping event and I think their hard work will provide you with a fun and special evening. The Holiday Boutique is on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm in the P.V. Cafetorium. Come out and enjoy the company and the opportunities to do some holiday shopping while supporting your school.

Our first Holiday Concert is on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00. We sent you a blast regarding the 7th and 8th grade concert and I hope that you will be able to join us for the festive event. We will be having some “guest appearances” that will be quite memorable! I look forward to seeing you there.

This Friday, December 2, is our first pep rally of the year! We will have the pep rally during 10th period. It will celebrate both Fall and Winter Sports. I think your children will have some interesting stories to share with you after the pep rally! We are really looking forward to the fun and surprises!

While it seems so incredibly early, we are starting to think about next year. I’m attaching our time lines for placement testing and course selections. There is really nothing you need to do to help your child prepare for the placement tests, we just want you to know our timelines. Should you have any questions about the timelines or events, please do not hesitate to call us.

Finally, if you know of a family that needs a little help this holiday season, we have some resources available. There are many community organizations that have reached out to us with generous donations and we want everyone to know that these resources are available. We ask that you contact our school nurse, Cindy Wolkowitz, as this how we maintain the confidentiality. Even the administration does not know who receives any of these resources.

I’d like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire P.V. staff, to wish each of you love and peace during this holiday season.

Warm regards,

Sue Schwartz, Principal

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Timeline	Activity	Details
1/18/12 through 1/20/12	Placement tests for Current 8th grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8th grade students will be given placement tests for placement in 9th grade classes.
1/24/12 (half day)	6 & 7th grades Electives selection Forms are distributed during lunch periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6th and 7th graders will receive their elective selection form for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Parent signatures are required.
1/30/12	8 th Placement Tests Make-Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will arrange with students to make up placement tests. This is especially important for those 8th grade students who want to be considered for 9th grade honors classes.
1/31/12	6 & 7 th grade elective sheets due	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students place SIGNED elective selection forms in boxes in Main Office
2/21/12	Parent notification for 9 th grade core course recommendations through Genesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8th grade parents can see high school placements by logging into Genesis on Feb. 21
2/22/12 – 2/24/12	Appeals of core course recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please contact your child’s counselor if you have questions about the high school placement. ▪ We will provide you with specific times that counselors will be available to answer schedule related questions.
4/16 – 4/18/12	6 & 7 Honors Placement Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Math and Language Arts teachers in grades 6 & 7 will be giving placement tests during regularly scheduled classes.
5/25/12	PV Honors placements can be viewed in Genesis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 25, placement for 2012 – 2013 for current 6th and 7th grades students can be seen on Genesis.
5/29 – 6/1/12	Parent questions regarding placement are made to appropriate counselor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We will let you know the specific times that counselors will be available to answer your questions.
6/15/12	New for 2012! Freshmen Move-Up Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This new activity for current 8th grade students is another transition activity that will help our students get ready for high school. Details will be coming prior to the day!