

### **NJHS Early Release Movie Day Refund**

If you had signed your child up for the NJHS Movie Day in December, please watch his/her backpack (oldest/only) for a refund. They will be coming home this week.

### **Grades 2-4 Intramural Basketball Program**

Registration for our Intramural Basketball program begins today! Students in grades 2 – 4 are invited to join our OLA instructional basketball teams. Games are played in the OLA gym on Saturday mornings beginning January 27<sup>th</sup>. Practices are also held here at the school one day a week based on the coach's schedule/availability. The permission slip is attached to this email. Registration deadline is January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Coaches are needed! We typically have 4 teams (pending registrations). If this is a volunteer opportunity you would be interested in, please email Mrs. Albert at [doreen.albert@worcesterdiocesek12.org](mailto:doreen.albert@worcesterdiocesek12.org).

### **Some Notable Changes for 2018**

Our second grade teacher, Mrs. More, resigned from her position on January 1, 2018 citing personal and family issues. Although we are all shocked and saddened by Mrs. More's departure, we are happy to announce that Mrs. Berlinsky has been officially hired to become our school's second grade teacher.

Mrs. Berlinsky, having over 20 years of educational experience in a variety of grade levels/subject areas, will bring an enthusiasm to our second grade students that will be sure to excite and motivate them with a renewed love for learning!

Previously, our students attended library/computer ½ class at library while ½ class was at computer. Mr. Kottori will now teach full classes, maintaining library time for all students.

### **PTO Meeting Schedule Update**

The next meeting scheduled for our Parent Organization is set for Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting this evening and we've moved February meeting from the second Wednesday to the first so that you may all spend the 14<sup>th</sup> with your Valentine.

### **Cards for a Cause**

If you were here last year, you may remember that we held a fundraiser to help raise funds for a new furnace in the PreK, K, ASP building. This was Cards for a Cause – boxes of beautifully crafted cards for all occasions. Each box cost \$30.00 and there are 30 cards per box. Many folks have expressed interest in running this fundraiser again, and therefore, it is back by popular demand!

If you are unfamiliar with the quality of these beautiful boxes filled with beautiful cards, there are samples here at the school that you may want to stop in to see. The order forms are will be going home with your child today.

We'll run this fundraiser until January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the profit will be used to help with replacing and updating some of our school building's doors.

### **STEM Winter Session**

STEM Beginnings offers fun-filled and exciting programs focused on sustaining interest in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The goal is to introduce STEM related concepts through effective instruction and enjoyable activities as the creation of a fertile ground for learning starts in a child's early years!

Registration is open for our K -2 grade students for the winter session that begins next Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The flyer is attached to this email with registration instructions.

### **Young Rembrandts Winter Session**

Does your child love to draw? Young Rembrandts Classes for students in grades K - 4 is the place to be - a new drawing lesson each week!

Winter session begins next Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, and the registration flyer is attached to this email.

### **GO PATRIOTS!!**

Patriot fans are encouraged to wear their Patriot attire to school on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> as we get ready for playoffs this weekend....