



WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER December 2009



Monthly PTO Meeting on December 2

Thank you to all who participated in the Whitin School Magazine Drive. It was a great success. Both classroom and individual awards were provided. Daniel Page, Grade 5 student, was awarded Principal of the Day.

Half-Day for Students on December 11

Whitin Middle School students will be dismissed from school at 10:15 on Friday, December 11. Teachers in all Uxbridge Public Schools will be attending afternoon meetings to work on various curriculum assignments and projects.

Grade 5 & 6 Winter Social

On December 10th, the Whitin PTO and Student Council will be sponsoring a Winter Social for students in grades 5 & 6. The social will consist of a winter movie, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," ice cream sundaes, and popcorn. The cost of the social is \$3.00 and it runs from 1:45 -3:30 pm.

Band Notes

The first concerts of the school year are schedule for Tuesday, December 15th (Beginner Band and Chorus) and Wednesday, December 16th (Intermediate and Advanced Bands). The snow date for both concerts is Thursday, December 17th. Concerts will be held free of charge at 7:00 PM in the Whitin School Cafeteria. The Chorus is under the direction of Mrs. Rapoza and Mr. Hammerton, and the bands are directed by Mrs. Penza. The students have been working hard and are looking forward to performing for their families and friends. The grade 8 woodwind and brass players will be traveling to the Uxbridge Senior Center to perform seasonal favorites for Uxbridge's senior citizens. This has become an annual event that the seniors look forward to each year.

Quilt Raffle: The Music Department is holding its fifth annual quilt raffle with a quilt constructed and donated by Mrs. Gabrielle Caron. The quilt will be on display in the Whitin School lobby. Raffle tickets are available through Mrs. Penza \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held during the December 16th concert.

Uxbridge Youth Center

The Uxbridge Youth Center is currently open. The center is located at 111 S. Main St. in Uxbridge and is open from 2 – 6 PM. After school busing is available on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, please call the Youth Center at 508 278-2373.

Thank You from the People First Food Pantry

We would like to thank you for your recent food drive on behalf of the People First Food Pantry. We are currently in our busy season, providing monthly food distributions to families, as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Our Adopt an Angel program is now in full swing! If you would like to make a child's wish come true, please take an angel from a tree at any of the following locations: Savers Bank, Unibank, Hannaford, St. Mary's church, Good Shepherd Church or North Uxbridge Baptist Church. All gifts are due back by 12/16/09. The goal of the People First Food Pantry is to continue to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will continue to feed those in need in the Uxbridge community. Thank you again for your support! Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!

Winter Break: December 24 – January 1 (School resumes Jan. 4)