



# DECEMBER 2019



## SOUTH ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 2 Open Door Dental Screening
- Dec 6 Star Pride/Saints T-shirt Day
- Dec 12 South's Music Program
- Dec 13 Early Release-**DISMISSAL 12:45**  
Star Pride/Saints T-shirt Day
- Dec 19 Last day of Stars Academy
- Dec 20 Timberwolves Read to Achieve **DUE**  
Holiday/Red & Green Wear
- Dec 23-Jan 6 **WINTER BREAK-NO SCHOOL**



### LOOKING AHEAD

- Jan 1-3 **WINTER BREAK  
NO SCHOOL**
- Jan 6 **Classes resume**
- Jan 10 Early Release-  
**DISMISSAL 12:45**
- Jan 17 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 20 Teacher Workshop Day  
**NO SCHOOL**
- Jan 21 3rd Quarter begins

*The snow and cold is HERE!  
A REMINDER for children to have coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, and boots for recess in order for them to be able to play on the playground and grass area. If families are in need of assistance in obtaining warmer clothing, coats, hats, mittens/gloves, etc., please contact school counselor, Laura Zender. You can contact Laura at 507-934-2754.*

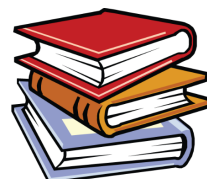


### DONATIONS NEEDED

- \*Girl's socks
- \*Girl's underwear
- \*Girl's belts
- \*Girl's leggings, jeans, and/or sweatpants
- \*Boy's socks
- \*Boy's underwear
- \*Boy's belts
- \*Boy's jeans, and/or sweatpants



Flexible Learning Day (FLD) packets were sent home with all kindergarten and first grade students at conferences. Classroom teachers have designed these packets for their students to use in the event that weather prevents them from coming to school. The packets are designed to help students enjoy their snow day and reinforce the idea that learning doesn't just happen at school. Playing in the snow, baking cookies, and spending time with friends and family can be great learning experiences as well. FLDs aren't intended to bring unnecessary stress to your household. Have fun with it! In true Minnesota spirit, we invite you to embrace the snow and enjoy this beautiful season!



Looking for some great stocking stuffers?  
Give the gift of reading!

St. Peter Public Schools invites all families to a  
**BOGO Book Fair Extravaganza at North Elementary!!**  
**EVENT:** North Elementary is hosting a Scholastic **BOGO** Book Fair  
(all items are buy one, get one of equal or lesser value for FREE!)

**LINK:** to our Scholastic Book Fair homepage:  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/north>

**LOCATION:** North Elementary Media Center, 815 North 9th St., St. Peter

**SHOPPING TIMES OPEN TO PARENTS/PUBLIC:**

Wednesday, December 4, 7:30-9:30 am and 2:30-3:30 pm

Thursday, December 5; 7:30-9:30 am and 2:30-7:00 pm

Friday, December 6; 7:30-9:30 am

**MERCHANDISE:** The focus is elementary level K-6 books,  
but some books for pre-school, middle grade, and adult readers will also  
be available. BOGO pricing applies to everything at the fair  
including posters, journals, and more! Some titles in Spanish will be available.

Parent Council Information

There is no meeting in December! Our next meeting will be January 13, 2020 at 6:30pm in the South Media Center!

Parent Council meets the 2nd Monday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Free childcare is provided. **Future meeting dates: 1/13, 5/11**

South's annual Giving Tree sponsored by Parent Council is located in the hallway outside the main office. Each ornament contains the age, gender and wish idea for a child. If you wish to participate, take an ornament off the tree, purchase item and return it unwrapped to the school office by **Wednesday, Dec 11th**. Our goal is to bless 14 families with 36 kids in our school district this holiday season!

How you can participate:

1. Select an ornament off the tree. It is located on the window by the office.

The tag specifies gender, age, and wish ideas of a child in need.

2. Purchase your gift(s).

3. Tape ornament tag to the Unwrapped, new items, and return to South's office.

4. All items are due no later than Wednesday, Dec. 11th.

5. Also, we have added a few items that we supply students with in our nurse's office & counselor's office. Examples are: underwear, socks, snowpants





## **Elementary Music Programs**

Hello from the music room at South! As we get closer to December, will the snowfall tempt you to build a snowman? Would you like to go on a sleigh ride? Will your family celebrate Christmas, or Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa? **South Elementary School students are preparing songs for their Winter Music Program which will be presented at the Performing Arts Center auditorium at the St. Peter High School on Thursday, December 12.**

Time to be at the high school:

Kindergarten - 5:55 p.m.

Grade 1 - 6:20 p.m.

Performance times:

Kindergarten - 6:15 p.m.

Grade 1 - 6:45 p.m.

Children in grades kindergarten through four participate in one music program during the year, in either winter or spring, and the performance season alternates each year. On the evening of December 12, the winter program will be presented by kindergarten and first grade students from South Elementary. The students from North Elementary School will present their music program in May. (For the 2020-2021 school year, the North Elementary students in second, third, and fourth grade will present the winter concert and the South Elementary students will perform in the spring.) The children are getting ready to share their music with everyone on December 12. We hope to see you there!!



**South's STEAM room and Tinker Table room** is in need of recyclable materials and other items that will allow students to build, create, and explore. If you are willing to donate any of the following items, please place them in the STEAM box in South's office.

*toilet paper tubes*

*empty paper towel/gift wrap tubes*

*string or ribbon*

*pipe cleaners*

*art/craft materials you no longer need*

*small plastic containers (cottage cheese, yogurt, sour cream, etc.)*

*empty spools or other interesting consumable materials*

*masking tape*

*popsicle sticks*

*paper plates*

*cotton balls*