

December 9, 2019

Holiday Toy Drive – December 2 to December 11

Holiday Helpers at Dana will collect your new and unwrapped toy donations at the drop-off loop before school, between 8:00-8:30am.

This year we are collecting toys for the St. Margaret's Center in Lennox. This center serves families in need in our local community. Donations are welcome up until noon on Wednesday, December 11. You may also purchase toys online. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more details.

Dana Middle School Coding Week (12/9/19 – 12/13/19)

PLTW currently offers coding to 6th Grade on the elective wheel. This year PLTW 7/8 will focus on coding for Computer Science Week and participate in the world-wide, Hour of Code program. The Hour of Code is a global computer science initiative that creates a fun and creative environment for students to be introduced to the concepts of computer programming. ... In this changing world, computer literacy is becoming a more and more important part of society. Happy Coding PLTW!

ASB Updates

- December 9-18 – Holiday Gram sales during morning recess. Cost is 25 cents each and will include a candy cane!

Dana Middle School Washington DC and Catalina Toyon Bay Study Trip Updates

The end of first semester is quickly approaching. Keep in mind the academic and behavior requirements needed in all classes to participate in these trips.

Registered and wait listed students must...

- maintain "S" (satisfactory) or better citizenship marks.
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- earn work habit marks no lower than an "N" (needs improvement)
- earn a GPA of 2.0 or better, earning no "Fs".

Grades and behavior will be checked at the end of first semester and...

- for Catalina - just prior to the departure date
- for DC – at third quarter, and just prior to the departure date.

We recommend that students and parents review grades/assignments together weekly. Semester and quarter **grades cannot be changed after archiving.**

Catalina/Toyon Bay - for parent/guardians of students registered or waitlisted on this trip.

- Deposit receipts were written for all students and were stapled to a sheet indicating the amount due and date for final payments.
- All final payments are due by Friday, February 14. Payments must be in cash or check/money order payable to Wiseburn U.S.D.
- Please plan accordingly, due to the length of our trip waitlists we cannot make exceptions or extend payment due dates.
- Upcoming student meeting dates – student must attend these lunchtime meetings.

- Friday, January 17, 1:00pm in the MPR. Students will receive their Catalina registration packet and have a chance to ask questions about the trip.
- Wednesday, February 19pm in the MPR. Students will select their roommates at this meeting.
- Parent/Student Pre-trip meeting. Students and at least one parent/guardian must attend.
 - Thursday, March 5 at 3:30pm in the MPR. Mr. Williams will review all aspects of the trip including transportation, activities, and packing lists.

Washington DC - for parent/guardians of students registered or waitlisted on this trip.

- Please keep in touch with Worldstrides customer service, 800 468-5899, regarding your payment schedule. All payments are due in mid-March. Our group must be paid in full to complete bookings for flight and hotel.
- Trip assignment – all registered and waitlisted students received the Military Interview and Essay Project through their Social Studies teacher’s Canvas page. This project is due by Wednesday, January 15. Contact your child’s Social Studies teacher for more information.
- Upcoming mandatory student meetings for registered and waitlisted students.
 - **Wednesday, January 15** at 8:00am in the MPR. Students will receive their DC registration packets and Ms. Prieto will give an overview of the trip.
 - **Wednesday, February 12** at 8:00am in the MPR. Ms. Prieto will lead a discussion regarding choosing a roommate, then the students will select their hotel room groups.
- Mandatory Parent/Student/Chaperon Pre-trip meeting. Students and at least one parent/guardian must attend this meeting.
 - **Tuesday, May 12** at 6:30 pm in the MPR. Mrs. Prieto will review transportation, spending money, medication due date, activities, packing lists, and more!

Online sales continue at Yearbookforever.com!

Take advantage of the “Fall” price of \$38. This sales period will end on January 19, 2020.

This order period is also your last opportunity to personalize your child’s yearbook with their name and icons.

The cut-off to increase our school order is in mid-January. We will be monitoring sales to see if there is a need to order additional copies. Please order early, don’t be left out!

“Fall” yearbook information sheets are available in the school office and library

Girl Scouts troop 3265

Girls Scouts Troop 3265 is collecting crayons and markers (any brands, used and broken ones too) to earn their Girl Scouts Silver Award. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more information.

Thank you in advance for your support!

High School Meeting for 8th Grade Families

Please join us for a special high school meeting for Dana and Da Vinci Connect 8th grade families on Tuesday, December 10, 6:00-8:00pm at Da Vinci Schools Black Box Theater. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more details.

Cold and Flu Season

It is cold and flu season again. We want to remind you how to keep your child and others healthy. Please [click here](#) to read more important information about how to protect yourself and others from the flu.

WEF Give 180 Campaign

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<https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/wef/2019-20>

Monday, December 9– Periods 1, 3, 5 - 11:45am dismissal

12/9-12/13- Coding week

The ASB Holiday Grams Sale kicks-off today! Cost is 25 cents each, stop by the library before school or during lunch to purchase your grams. Grams will be sold until Wednesday, December 18 and delivered on December 19.

Remember to sign-up by recess tomorrow for the Cocoa and Cookies VIP Treat this Wednesday, December 11 the cost is 15 Merits.

8:00-8:20am – Holiday Toy Drive – our Holiday Helpers will collect new and unwrapped toys in front of school.

12:30pm- 1:30pm- Dana Singers- 302

12:00pm- 2:00pm- Boys Basketball Tryout Day 1- gym

4:00pm- 6:00pm- Cetacean Bots Robotics Team- 203

Tuesday, December 10 - Periods 2, 4, 6 - 11:45am dismissal

8:00-8:20am – Holiday Toy Drive – our Holiday Helpers will collect new and unwrapped toys in front of school.

11:45am- Mandatory Meeting for Herndon Essay and Experiment Team after school- 203

12:00pm- 2:00pm- Boys Basketball Tryout Callbacks- gym

6:00pm -8:00pm- High School Meeting for 8th grade students and parents at the Da Vinci Schools Black Box Theater (201 N. Douglas St., El Segundo)

Wednesday, December 11 -Periods 1, 3, 5 - 2:45pm dismissal

8:00-8:20am – Holiday Toy Drive – our Holiday Helpers will collect new and unwrapped toys in front of school.

10:06am-10:16am – Join us for a cozy “Cocoa and Cookies” VIP Treat @ the Merit Market today. A few servings will be available for students who did not sign up, first come-first serve. Cost is 15 merits.

12:15pm-12:45pm – ASB meeting in the library for officers and class reps. POD teachers, please ask your class rep to share December activities during class later this week.

3:00pm- 4:00pm- Student Success Club- student services

3:30pm- 5:00pm- Rip and Go Sports- Outside basketball courts

Thursday, December 12 - Periods 2, 4, 6 – 2:45pm dismissal

12:32pm- 1:17pm- Cetacean Bots Robotics Team- 203

3:00pm- 4:00pm- 8th Grade Girls Barbell Club Tryouts- 301

3:00pm- 4:30pm- Afterschool Play rehearsals-705

3:00pm- 3:30pm- Flag Football team celebration- 804

Friday, December 13 – Periods 1 thru 6 - 2:45pm dismissal

12:32pm- 1:17pm- Friendship Club -201