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December 1, 2022

Dear Students and Families of the Philomath School District:

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is behind us and that we are entering the last month of the 2022 calendar year! With all the activities surrounding our schools, December will pass by in a flash.

Friday (12/02/2022) Reminder:

There will be ***no school for students this Friday, December 2nd***. Teachers will be working on grading and assessment on this day. This day marks the end of the first Trimester at Philomath High School. We are almost mid-way through the second Quarter at Philomath Middle School and two-thirds of the way through the Semester at all other schools. The school year continues to march along!

Winter Concerts:

The season for our winter concerts begins very soon. We hope you enjoy the opportunity to see and hear your students perform.

- Clemens Primary School December 6, 2022 (Tuesday) @ CPS Gym
 - Kindergarten Performance @ 6:00pm
 - First Grade Performance @ 7:00pm
- Philomath Middle School December 8, 2022 (Thursday) @ **PHS** Auditorium
 - Performance @ 6:30pm
- Blodgett Elementary School December 13, 2022 (Tuesday) @ Blodgett Gym
 - Performance @ 6:30pm
- Philomath Elementary School PES Gym
 - Second Grade December 13, 2022 (Tuesday) @ 6:00pm
 - Third Grade December 13, 2022 (Tuesday) @ 7:00pm
 - Fourth Grade December 14, 2022 (Wednesday) @ 6:00pm
 - Fifth Grade December 14, 2022 (Wednesday) @ 7:00pm
- Philomath High School December 15, 2022 (Thursday) @ PHS Auditorium
 - Performance @ 7:00pm

Also, thanks to the ***Philomath Elementary School Choir*** for singing at the Philomath Holiday Tree Lighting, held this past Tuesday evening.

Student Illness:

Thank you so much for your diligence in keeping your student(s) home when ill. While we really want students attending school, we also understand that respiratory illnesses are having a big impact in our community.

As we have stated in prior messages, Oregon health officials are recommending the following:

- Stay home when sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with the inside of your elbow, or with a tissue that you immediately throw away after use.
- Regularly wash hands with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid sharing cups, water bottles, and other drink containers, or eating utensils.
- Consider wearing a face-covering in crowded indoor spaces.

Winter Sports:

Winter sports are now underway at all levels. This includes both school- and PYAC-sponsored activities. Thank you, in advance, for showing respect to student athletes, coaches, and officials regardless of the team or school.

Kicking off the seasons includes the following activities:

- PHS Swimming vs. Sisters High School @ PHS
 - Thursday, December 1st 4:30pm @ Clemens Community Pool
- PHS Dance @ Gladstone High School
 - Saturday, December 3rd
- PHS Basketball vs. Junction City @ PHS
 - Saturday, December 3rd 4:00pm JV Girls and JV Boys
 - 5:30pm JV2 Boys and Varsity Girls
 - 7:00pm Varsity Boys
- PHS Wrestling @ Cascade High School
 - Saturday, December 3rd 8:00am – 6:00pm
- PMS Girls Basketball @ French Prairie
 - Monday, December 5th 4:00pm
 - This will be the 5th game of the season for our Philomath Brave girls!

Winter Break:

The last day of school prior to Winter Break will be Friday, December 16, 2022. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

May your December be safe, warm, and full of goodness.

Always learning together-

Susan