

DECEMBER 2023



# Mountainside News



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Could we really find ourselves in the month of December already? It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming students and families to our Open House!

December means there are many things going on at Mountainside. Our very successful late fall sports (volleyball and wrestling) are wrapping up, our Generation Alive campaign wraps up, our music programs are ready for their wonderful winter concerts, we have a spirit dress-up week coming, and not to mention all the amazing things happening in the classroom of every period of every day. It's busy and fun times at the middle school!

Remember, as a parent you can see your child's grades and attendance at any time using PowerSchool. If you have not set up a parent PowerSchool account, we highly recommend it. It's a great way to stay current with your child's progress and to quickly identify if something isn't going right. Please, call (509) 465-7427 to talk to Sheila Warne about setting up your account.

Lastly, as we have just wrapped up one holiday and we head into another break, I want to wish your family a happy holiday season. I hope you will be able to enjoy the company of friends and family and get to spend some quality time with your middle school student. Typically, when I ask students what they are looking forward to over a break, their top 2 answers are "family" followed closely with "sleeping in." Sounds like middle school student answers. ☺

Have a wonderful December!

## What's Going On At MMS?

Tuesday, 12/5  
WAM Spirit Assembly

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Tuesday, 12/5  
Academic Assistance Begins  
2:30pm-4:00pm

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Monday, 12/11  
Winter Choir Concert  
7pm at Mt. Spokane HS

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Wed, 12/13-Tue, 12/19  
Spirit Dress Up Days

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Wednesday, 12/13  
Winter Orchestra Concert  
7pm at Mt. Spokane HS

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Thursday, 12/14  
Winter Band Concert  
7pm at Mt. Spokane HS

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Friday, 12/15  
Generation Alive Food  
Packing

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Tuesday, 12/19  
Winter Music Assembly

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Wed, 12/20-Mon, 1/1  
Winter Break  
No School



## HOLIDAY MUSIC CONCERTS

Our music programs have been working very hard and are prepared for their upcoming winter concerts. We would love to have you in attendance at any or all of the concerts to hear the sweet sounds of holiday music. The cost is free and the entertainment is priceless. Hope to see you there!

- Choir-Monday, December 11th at 7:00pm (Mt. Spokane HS Theatre)
- Orchestra-Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00pm (Mt. Spokane HS Theatre)
- Band-Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm (Mt. Spokane HS Theatre)



## BUY A YEARBOOK, GIVE A YEARBOOK

The 2023-24 Mountainside yearbooks are on sale now for \$25. We feel compelled to ensure that every student at Mountainside gets a yearbook to memorialize this time in their life. Therefore, we have a campaign going called "Buy a Yearbook, Give a Yearbook." We are asking that families consider donating toward an additional yearbook for a student in need. To do so, you can make a donation in person or you can find a donation button below the button to purchase your yearbook on our [\[online system\]](#). Currently, we have reached \$380 of our \$5,000 goal. Thank you for considering donating to our very worthy cause!



## HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

Is your student in need of homework help? Well, we've got them covered. We are starting up an Academic Assistance program after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm to 4:00pm starting Dec. 5th. This will be a quiet place to get work completed and have access to tutors for help on assignments. Please note, there are no activity buses available for this program. Questions? please email our advisor, [Ms. Natalie King](#).



## 7TH GRADE CAREER FAIR

This year, our dedicated middle school counselors are coordinating the 2nd annual career fair in May 2024. Our goal is to provide students with a glimpse into various professions, helping them become "future ready." We need you! Please [\[click here\]](#) for details on the event and how you and your career can be showcased at the event.



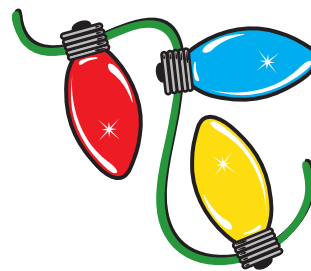
## BASKETBALL SEASONS COMING SOON

Although we are right in the heart of 7th and 8th grade volleyball and 6/7/8 wrestling, basketball is just around the corner. 7th grade basketball begins the day we get back from Winter Break, January 2nd. 8th grade basketball begins February 20th. Our 6th graders have track and field to look forward to in April with basketball in May. Remember, you can always find athletic information on our [\[website\]](#) or you can email our AD, [Ryan Henderson](#).





Look for the picture of our Character Trait winners on our Facebook page and website each month!



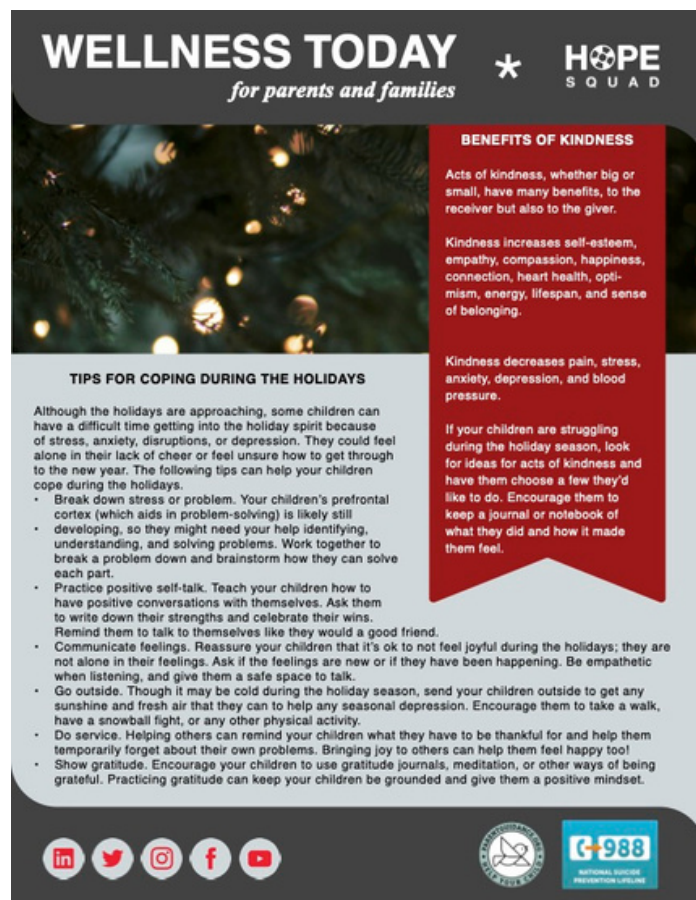
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