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## UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**MISSION:** "Through combined efforts of students, staff, parents, and community members, our mission is to foster the confidence, knowledge, cognition, and character necessary to instill a strong work ethic, to create an environment of tolerance and respect, and to ignite an attitude of inquiry and enthusiasm for learning that will enable students to become productive, responsible citizens."

## Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents & School Community Members,

As the leaves fall and the school year moves towards the second quarter, our classrooms are filled with students and teachers engaged in learning. I want to take this time to share with you some of the goals that we are working towards, partially as a response to our focus status, but largely because schools are always in a mindset of growth and improvement.

We are continuing to strengthen our curriculum and begin the cross-walk to the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards. We are developing and administering quarterly benchmarks in all core areas to determine student proficiency and areas for growth. That data drives much of our conversations at grade and department levels so that we can be responsive to the needs of our students.

While working to make sure our academic program remains strong, NY Mills is committed to the whole child and making sure that our social-emotional curriculum is equally strong. Presentations to students and faculty meetings for staff have specific themes that we will visit throughout the year that help us to address student needs.

I started the school year sharing my story and how, through the power of the teachers in my life, I came to be here. I also encouraged our teachers to do the same, reflect back on what brought them to education and keeps them committed to doing the best job possible for all students. Our teachers and administrators will be some of the people that impact the stories of our students as they move from our halls to their chosen path. Their stories, our collective stories, make up the fiber of this district. It is by our working together and continuing the communication between home and school that will provide the strong fabric that will support our students and this community for years to come.

Thank you for being part of my story,

Superintendent of Schools

## Emergency “Go Home” Drill

On Tuesday, November 20, an Emergency Go Home Drill will be conducted at every school within our Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES area. New York State Education Law requires that we hold this drill each year at least 15 minutes before the normal dismissal time. The purpose of the drill is to prepare students, staff and parents for an emergency that would require us to immediately send all students home. The fastest way to evacuate the building and safely transport students home (or to an alternate safe location) is via our school buses.



You and your child should have a set plan for a safe drop-off within the school district if we need to send all students home in an emergency. Please talk to your child about your plan before Tuesday, November 20, so that there is no confusion on that afternoon.

Also, for grades K-6 students, it is important to send a revised “Emergency School Closing Plan” to school if your emergency drop-off location has changed. There will be no parent pick-ups from school during this drill. In a true emergency, parent pick-ups would not be possible in most cases. The following is the schedule for this year’s drill:

1:55 p.m. - Grades 7-12 students and staff will evacuate the building. All grades 7-12 students will board buses at that time. No parent pick-ups will be accommodated on November 20. Students scheduled for after-school activities may remain on their bus and will be returned to school after the drill concludes.

2:45 p.m. – Grades K-6 students and staff will evacuate the building. All grades K-6 students will board buses at that time. No parent pick-ups will be accommodated on November 20 and there will be no K-6 YMCA Child Care Program that day.

Thank you for your assistance with our annual Emergency Go Home Drill. We anticipate a smooth and speedy dismissal on Tuesday, November 20. Please feel free to call your child’s school office if you have questions or concerns. There will be no school on November 21–23 due to the Thanksgiving break.

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## Annual Turkey Trot

### Saturday, November 10

Please join us for our annual pre-Thanksgiving Turkey Trot. Every finisher receives a ribbon. Thanks to our Optimist Club and our PTSO, there are also prizes awarded to New York Mills School District students and alumni. Refreshments will be available, for participants and their families. This event will take place regardless of the weather conditions!



Pick up your running TAG in the school lobby.

**Tots Run** (1/4 mile) - A fun-run on the track for any small child who wants to receive a ribbon.

**Elementary Run** (1 mile) - open to all elementary students living within the NYM School District as well as children and grandchildren of school staff.

**High School - Old Timers Run** (1 mile) - open to all high school students, alumni, school staff, parents, and residents of the district.

Presentation of Awards in the gym.

We hope to see you there on Saturday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m. to kick off our 2018 holiday season with the New York Mills UFSD Turkey Trot!



# Optimist Student of the Month **September**

The New York Mills Optimists have named Kaitlyn Kulawy as the September Youth of the Month. Kaitlyn is a member of the New York Mills Class of 2019 and is the daughter of Chris and Julie Kulawy of New York Mills.

Kaitlyn is a high honor roll student who has been inducted into our chapters of the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society. She has been selected as Student of the Month every year of high school and, last spring, she was honored with awards from RIT and the University of Rochester, as well as the School Board Institute Achievement Award and the High School Music Acknowledgement Award.

Kaitlyn's list of school and community activities is vast and her dedication to them is unyielding. She is a founding member and President of our Model United Nations, Student Council Executive Treasurer, past Student Council Class Representative and current NYS Council for Leadership and Student Activities State Board Member. In addition, Kaitlyn has worked as a counselor at Camp EAGR (Epilepsy Association of Greater Rochester), represented New York Mills schools as our ambassador at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference and was STEAM Ambassador for the Project Fibonacci Foundation, for which she was honored with the People's Choice Award. A former dancer, Kaitlyn's interests also include the arts; she plays the trumpet in our jazz and concert bands, is a member of our chorus, has had numerous roles in our school musicals, has assisted with our elementary musical and has served as a Youth Ambassador for the Stanley Theater. She has also spent many hours tutoring younger students.



**Kaitlyn Kulawy**

Kaitlyn has volunteered for and participated in a large number of workshops, camps and fundraisers focused on topics ranging from leadership to arts to advocacy to STEM activities. She is active in her church and babysits for neighboring families. Kaitlyn has also become a strong and knowledgeable advocate for persons with epilepsy.

Kaitlyn wishes to pursue a career in medicine, specializing in either pediatrics or neurology. To that end she plans to attend a four-year college and major in Bio/Chemistry.

# Optimist Student of the Month **October**

Karilynn Tramacera, a member of the New York Mills Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2019, has been named the New York Mills Optimist Youth of the Month for October. Karilynn is the daughter of Anthony and Renee Tramacera of New York Mills.

A high honor roll student, Karilynn has been selected as Student of the Month every year since junior high. She was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in 8th grade and the National Honor Society in 11th grade of which she is the president. Last year, she was also honored with awards from Elmira College and Keuka College. Karilynn has played field hockey since middle school and has served as co-captain of both junior varsity and varsity teams. She has also been a member of our basketball, track and indoor track teams. She has been named a Center State Conference Scholar Athlete and All-Star and Rookie of the Year for track in 10th grade and she also received the Coaches Award for both field hockey and indoor track. A former saxophone player, Karilynn performed with our concert and parade bands. She is also a member of our newly-formed Multi-Cultural Club.



**Karilynn Tramacera**

Outside of school, Karilynn has been active in judo since the age of four and has earned her black belt. In addition, she has volunteered at Hope House, the Utica Zoo and the annual PTSO Craft Fair and tutors underclassmen.

Karilynn is interested in the math or sciences field and is interested in four-year colleges in New York.



# School News

## Grades 7-11 Students of the Month

Students are chosen using the following criteria:

1. Academic effort
2. Positive attitude
3. Respectful behavior
4. School involvement
5. Community involvement

### September 2018



**David Mroz**  
Grade 11



**Donnell Anderson**  
Grade 10



**Jemma Jordan**  
Grade 9



**Isaiah Sobolewski**  
Grade 8



**Vincent Martell**  
Grade 7

## Kids of Character Awards

*The following grades 3-6 students were selected as September Kids of Character at New York Mills Elementary School. This award is given for following The Marauder Way on a regular basis.*

### SEPTEMBER Kids of Character Awards

**Grade 3** – Annabel Harvey and LaShawna Yearby

**Grade 4** – Andrew Tallman and Emma Decker

**Grade 5** – Lindzee Brush and Nathaniel Dzwonkowski

**Grade 6** – Selen Bilal and Andrew Sosa

## Music Department News

The music department will be holding auditions for this year's 7-12 musical on December 6 in the school's auditorium starting at 2:40 p.m. Audition materials will be posted on the drama board the first week of November and rehearsal times will be available with Mrs. Lovecchio upon request. Please see Mrs. Lovecchio if you have any questions. This year's 7-12 musical will be *The Little Mermaid*. The musical will be presented on March 22 and 23, 2019.

The music department will be presenting their winter concerts on the following dates. All concerts are free and open to the community; we hope to see you there.

## PTSO News

The New York Mills 41st Annual Craft Show will be held at the school on December 1 and 2 this year from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.



The craft fair is well-known for having an incredible variety of gourmet foods, jewelry, handcrafted soaps and lotions, pottery, paintings, photography and so much more. There are more than 100 vendors confirmed so far, and lots of new ones on the list. This is one show you don't want to miss for great holiday decorations and gift ideas.

The PTSO would like to thank you in advance. The PTSO meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 and we would love to have new members attend!

## WINTER CONCERT DATES

**December 12**  
Elementary Band & Chorus, 7 p.m.

**December 17**  
K-3 Concert, 7 p.m.

**December 19**  
Grades 7-12 Concert, 7 p.m.





# Join The Mills Book Club!

All are welcome!

**Choice 1:**

***The World is Flat 3.0***

"In this new edition, Thomas L. Friedman includes fresh stories and insights to help us understand the flattening of the world. Weaving new information into his overall thesis, and answering the questions he has been most frequently asked by parents across the country, this third edition also includes two new chapters—on how to be a political activist and social entrepreneur in a flat world.

**Choice 2:**

***21st Century Skills: Learning for Life in Our Times***

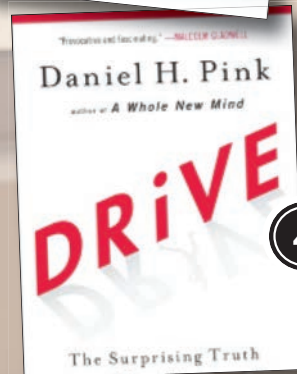
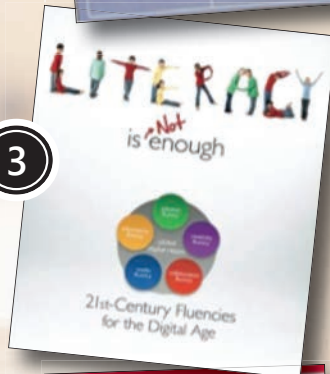
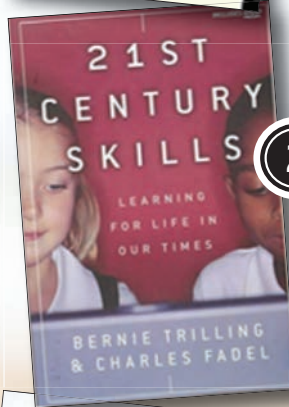
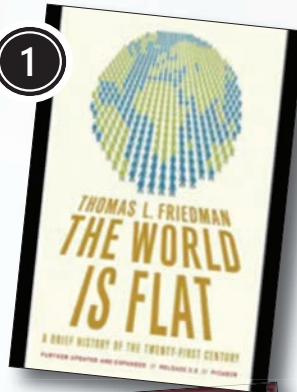
The new building blocks for learning in a complex world. This important resource introduces a framework for 21st century learning that maps out the skills needed to survive and thrive in a complex and connected world. Twenty-first century content includes the basic core subjects of reading, writing, and arithmetic-but also emphasizes global awareness, financial/economic literacy, and health issues.

**Please RSVP if interested and give book choice to:**

jshelmidine@newyorkmills.org  
by **December 14, 2018**

First meeting to get books and discuss format will be January 15, 2019, @ 5:30 p.m. in the HS Library.

*Book with the most interest will be the read for this year.*



**Choice 3:**

***Literacy is Not Enough: 21st Century Fluencies for the Digital Age***

**How to upgrade literacy instruction for digital learners**

Educating students to traditional literacy standards is no longer enough. If students are to thrive in their academic and 21st century careers, then independent and creative thinking hold the highest currency.

**Choice 4:**

***Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us***

Forget everything you thought you knew about how to motivate people—at work, at school, at home. It's wrong. As Daniel H. Pink (author of *To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Motivating Others*) explains in his paradigm-shattering book *Drive*, the secret to high performance and satisfaction in today's world is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world.

**Contact the District Office if interested:**

Tel: 315-768-8127  
jshelmidine@newyorkmills.org



# Winter Sports Schedules

Please note that these schedules are subject to change at a moment's notice.

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Thur.	11/29	Away	Utica Acad. of Science	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	12/10	Away	Hamilton	7:00 p.m.
Mon.	12/17	Home	Morrisville-Eaton	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	12/20	Away	Poland	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	12/21	Home	Oriskany	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	1/3	Home	Owen D. Young	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	1/5	Away	Remsen	2:30 p.m.
Tues.	1/8	Away	Oriskany	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	1/11	Home	Utica Acad. of Science/ Town of Webb	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/18	Home	Remsen	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	1/22	Away	Town of Webb	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	1/25	Home	Hamilton	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	2/1	Away	Morrisville-Eaton	7:00 p.m.
Tues.	2/5	Home	Poland	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	2/8	Away	Owen D. Young	7:00 p.m.
Mon.	2/11	Away	Canastota	7:00 p.m.

## BOYS JV BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Thur.	11/29	Away	Utica Acad. of Science	6:00 p.m.
Mon.	12/10	Away	Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	12/17	Home	Morrisville-Eaton	6:00 p.m.
Thur.	12/20	Away	Poland	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	12/21	Home	Oriskany	6:00 p.m.
Thur.	1/3	Home	Owen D. Young	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	1/5	Away	Remsen	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	1/8	Away	Oriskany	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/11	Home	Utica Acad. of Science/ Town of Webb	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	1/18	Home	Remsen	6:00 p.m.
Tues.	1/22	Away	Town of Webb	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/25	Home	Hamilton	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	2/1	Away	Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 p.m.
Tues.	2/5	Home	Poland	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	2/8	Away	Owen D. Young	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	2/11	Away	Canastota	5:30 p.m.

## BOYS MODIFIED BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Thur.	1/24	Away	Oriskany	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	1/26	Away	Frankfort-Schuyler	9:30 a.m.
Thur.	1/31	Home	Poland	4:30 p.m.
Mon.	2/4	Away	Remsen	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	2/6	Home	Town of Webb	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	2/9	Home	Oriskany	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	2/13	Away	Poland	4:30 p.m.
Mon.	2/25	Home	Frankfort-Schuyler	4:30 p.m.
Tues.	2/26	Home	Remsen	4:30 p.m.
Thur.	2/28	Away	Town of Webb	4:30 p.m.

## GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Fri.	11/30	Away	Clinton	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	12/7	Home	Herkimer	7:00 p.m.
Tues.	12/11	Away	Hamilton	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	12/14	Home	Dolgeville	7:00 p.m.
Tues.	12/18	Home	Poland	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	12/27	Away	Oriskany (Tournament)	7:15 p.m.
Fri.	1/4	Home	Morrisville-Eaton	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	1/10	Home	Clinton	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	1/17	Away	Herkimer	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	1/22	Home	Hamilton	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	1/24	Away	Dolgeville	6:00 p.m.
Thur.	1/31	Away	Poland	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	2/4	Home	Oriskany	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	2/7	Away	Morrisville-Eaton	7:00 p.m.

## GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Fri.	11/30	Away	Clinton	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	12/7	Home	Herkimer	5:30 p.m.
Tues.	12/11	Away	Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	12/14	Home	Dolgeville	5:30 p.m.
Tues.	12/18	Home	Poland	5:30 p.m.
Thur.	12/27	Away	Oriskany (Tournament)	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/4	Home	Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 p.m.
Thur.	1/10	Home	Clinton	5:30 p.m.
Thur.	1/17	Away	Herkimer	6:00 p.m.
Tues.	1/22	Home	Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
Thur.	1/24	Away	Dolgeville	4:30 p.m.
Thur.	1/31	Away	Poland	6:00 p.m.
Mon.	2/4	Home	Oriskany	5:30 p.m.
Thur.	2/7	Away	Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 p.m.

## GIRLS MODIFIED BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Tues.	1/22	Away	Sauquoit	4:30 p.m.
Thur.	1/24	Home	Oriskany	4:30 p.m.
Thur.	1/31	Away	Poland	4:30 p.m.
Mon.	2/4	Home	Adirondack	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	2/9	Away	Oriskany	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	2/13	Home	Poland	4:30 p.m.
Fri.	2/15	Home	Sauquoit	4:30 p.m.
Tues.	2/26	Away	Adirondack	4:30 p.m.



## GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Wed.	11/28	Away	Westmoreland	7:00 p.m.
Mon.	12/3	Home	Clinton	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	12/5	Away	Frankfort-Schuyler	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	12/7	Home	Westmoreland	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	12/10	Home	Owen D. Young	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	12/12	Away	Remsen	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	12/14	Home	Town of Webb	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	12/17	Away	Morrisville-Eaton	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	12/19	Away	Sauquoit	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	12/21	Away	Waterville	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	12/27	Away	Tournament	TBD
Mon.	1/7	Home	Waterville	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	1/9	Away	Clinton	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	1/11	Home	Frankfort-Schuyler	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	1/16	Away	Owen D. Young	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	1/23	Away	Town of Webb	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/25	Home	Morrisville-Eaton	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	1/28	Home	Sauquoit Valley	6:30 p.m.

## GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Wed.	11/28	Away	Westmoreland	6:00 p.m.
Mon.	12/3	Home	Clinton	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	12/5	Away	Frankfort-Schuyler	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	12/7	Home	Westmoreland	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	12/10	Home	Owen D. Young	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	12/12	Away	Remsen	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	12/14	Home	Town of Webb	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	12/17	Away	Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	12/19	Away	Sauquoit Valley	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	12/21	Away	Waterville	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	1/7	Home	Waterville	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	1/9	Away	Clinton	5:30 p.m.
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Wed.	1/23	Away	Town of Webb	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/25	Home	Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	1/28	Home	Sauquoit Valley	5:30 p.m.

## GIRLS MODIFIED VOLLEYBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Wed.	11/14	Home	Canastota	4:30 p.m.
Fri.	11/16	Away	Sherburne-Earlville	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	11/17	Home	Town of Webb	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	11/19	Home	Westmoreland	4:30 p.m.
Tues.	11/27	Away	Morrisville-Eaton	4:30 p.m.
Thur.	11/29	Home	Hamilton	4:30 p.m.
Tues.	12/4	Away	Canastota	4:30 p.m.





# Winter Sports Schedules

## GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL

(Continued)

Thur. 12/6	Home	Sherburne-Earville	4:30 p.m.
Tues. 12/11	Away	Westmoreland	4:30 p.m.
Thur. 12/13	Home	Morrisville-Eaton	4:30 p.m.
Tues. 12/18	Away	Hamilton	4:30 p.m.



## BOYS VARSITY BOWLING

Tues. 11/27	Away	Clinton	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 11/29	Home	Sherburne-Earville	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 12/4	Home	Cooperstown	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 12/6	Away	Herkimer	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 12/11	Home	Adirondack	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 12/13	Away	West Canada Valley	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 12/18	Away	Little Falls	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 12/20	Home	Holland Patent	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 1/3	Home	Sauquoit Valley	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 1/8	Away	Canastota	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 1/10	Home	Waterville	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 1/15	Home	Herkimer	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 1/17	Away	Adirondack	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 1/22	Home	West Canada Valley	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 1/24	Home	Little Falls	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 1/29	Away	Holland Patent	4:00 p.m.

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Tues. 12/4	Home	Cooperstown	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 12/6	Away	Herkimer	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 12/11	Home	Adirondack	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 12/18	Away	Little Falls	4:00 p.m.
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Thur. 1/17	Away	Adirondack	4:00 p.m.
Thur. 1/24	Home	Little Falls	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 1/29	Away	Holland Patent	4:00 p.m.

## Pep Rally and Powderpuff Game





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### Administration

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Brent Dodge, K-12 Principal

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## December 7

Meal includes:  
Half a BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw,  
roll, butter and utensils  
**\$12**

Tickets will go on sale beginning **November 19**  
Pre-sale tickets only will be available for this  
year's event.

Tickets will be available through any member of the  
music department or the attendance office at the  
school from November 19 through  
3 p.m. December 6.

Proceeds go toward the 7-12 grade chorus and band members  
and their performance at Six Flags.

## Holiday on Main Street December 9

Parade from the Firehouse to the Park  
begins at 4:45 p.m.

Additional festivities will take place  
at Pulaski Park from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

