

## Carpenter E-notes 12/2/16

It is amazing that December is already here and we are almost four months into the school year!  
Here is a look at what is coming your way in the next couple of weeks!

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual Basketball Shoot-Off 11:00am in the Gymnasium**

A very special guest speaker has been confirmed. It is my pleasure to announce that **Austin Hatch** will give a short message prior to our student and staff shoot-off.

[Click Here](#) for more information regarding Austin's truly remarkable and inspirational story.

Special thanks to Carpenter Mom, Sarah Keefer for setting up this extraordinary opportunity for our Carpenter students and community.

#### **Wednesday, December 14, PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – 8:00 p.m. in the Carpenter Library**

#### **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent's Night Out – 6:00pm-10:00pm**

Kids will enjoy pizza, snacks, games, movies, basketball, crafts and more! Kids are also encouraged to bring your own electronic devices. The cost will be \$10 per child, \$5 per additional child. This opportunity is only for Carpenter students. You have to RSVP in order to participate.

**Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> – Carpenter School Talent Show – 1:30 – 3:30 – Sign-ups went home in backpack mail this week. If your child is interested in performing, permission slips are due by December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Please continue to follow the [Carpenter Facebook page](#), for the latest information, volunteer sign-up information, and parent discussion! If you are not a part of that page, please consider joining! Updates are being made to our [PTO webpage](#)! Please check out the updated information and consider this another great information resource for our community! Please make sure to check both often to stay informed on all the great happenings around our school and community.

At Carpenter, *We BELIEVE* that with great community support awesome things can happen!

~The Carpenter PTO

### COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**Pittsfield Township Futsal/Soccer Program:** The Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is excited to partner with Michigan Futsal Factory Academy for a new winter program: Futsal/Soccer. For players ages 2-10 years old, come learn the basics of soccer education through Futsal, which uses a smaller, weighted ball for better control and development. Develop a passion for Soccer/Futsal, learn motor skills, problem solving skills, balance and coordination through fun games and activities with and without the ball. All programs have professional trainers.

You can register at <http://futsalactoryacademy.leagueapps.com/clubteams/194895-pittsfield-township-futsal-indoor-soccer-winter-programs>

For more information or questions about the programs for specific ages, contact Executive Director and Professional Coach/Player Drew "Ducks" Ducker at [mifutsalfactory@gmail.com](mailto:mifutsalfactory@gmail.com) or go to [www.futsalfactoryacademy.com](http://www.futsalfactoryacademy.com).

**Special Skating Event at Buhr Outdoor Ice Arena: It's Funky Frosty Friday.** Join us Friday, Dec. 2 for open skate from 7:15-8:45 p.m. We'll skate to themed music and we encourage you to dress up to win prizes for best costume! It's "Punk Music Night" this week! Leave the squares at home and come skate like a rebel. Washtenaw County Public Health will be onsite offering complimentary samples of healthy vending machine items.

**Dave Boutette & Ann Arbor Community Sing:** Sunday, Dec. 4, 7-8:45 p.m. at the Ann Arbor Senior Center in the Gallery Room, 1320 Baldwin Ave. The A2 Community Sing a monthly program is comprised of individuals of all ages who simply love to sing. We use both the "Rise Up Singing Song Book" and the "Rise Again Song Books" and copies are available at the center. Fee: \$5. All ages are welcome! For more information contact Recreation Supervisor, Pamela Simmons at 734.794.6250 or visit our website <http://www.a2gov.org/CulturalArts>

**World Music and DJing:** Saturday December 3, 2016: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm -- Downtown Library: Secret Lab. *This event is intended for grade 3-6*

Join local DJ, graphic design artist, and music enthusiast Brian Alvarez as he explores different music cultures from around the world.

In addition to exploring music of the other countries, Brian will encourage participants to connect with the feeling behind the music. Students will learn how to beat match with an exercise called the "soul clap," an essential skill of any young DJ. Once this technique is mastered you can find the "beat per minute" of any song on the radio. <http://www.aadl.org/node/349358>

**Syrian Cultural Celebration: Sunday December 4, 2016: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm -- Downtown Library: Multi-Purpose Room and Downtown Library: Secret Lab. *This event is intended for all ages***

The whole community is invited to share in food, music, and crafts in support of Syrian and other recently resettled refugees in Southeast Michigan. This is a collaboration with the [Syrian American Rescue Network](#) and [Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County](#). <http://www.aadl.org/node/344835>

**Drawing for Youth: Matisse Collage:** Sunday December 4, 2016: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm -- Downtown Library: 4th Floor Meeting Room. *This event is intended for grade 1-5*

Join us for directed drawing activities for youth with artists from the Ann Arbor Art Center! <http://www.aadl.org/node/346660>

**GameStart Workshop: Choose Your Own Adventure Website:** Sunday December 4, 2016:  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm -- Downtown Library: Training Center. *This event is intended for grade 3-8*

Make your first website in the style of a Choose Your Own Adventure book. Come up with a story and a force player to make the tough decisions to survive your written adventure!

Learn links and the basic formatting of HTML to tell a story using your own choice and consequence system! <http://www.aadl.org/node/349541>

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