

THE TORCH



From the Executive Director

Seasons Greetings SHPA Families,

As the weather once again turns cold and dark, I am reminded of the John Steinbeck quote: "What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" While we prepare as a school to manage the icy, snowy weather, we also keep in mind the opportunities winter affords us to turn both inward and outward. True to our motto, Modesta Philologia, Fida Humanitas, we turn inward toward disciplined learning and outward toward responsible citizenship.

Trimester II involves a sustained focus on the analysis of academic data collected thus far and the utilization of this data to drive learning and instruction. We are eager to gauge our progress at this point in the school year as we work to prepare each individual student for growth and success. This winter and spring we will also be gradually expanding our efforts to make our Richfield Campus facility, and in particular our gymnasium expansion, available to community partners with whom we endeavor to foster mutually-beneficial relationships. In the spirit of our civic-minded mission and strategic plan, we look forward to upcoming opportunities to share our facility for girl scout troop meetings, Richfield Police K-9 training, and Richfield Girls' and Special Olympics' basketball teams.

Thank you, parents, for your positive and supportive partnership--may you and yours have a safe and warm and happy winter break,

Carl Schlueter

TOYS FOR TOTS

We, at Seven Hills Preparatory Academy, are pleased to announce that we are conducting our fifth annual Toys for Tots book and educational toy drive for children in our community this year. Please consider participating in this fun and rewarding event! Please purchase a book or educational toy, game, etc. for a boy or girl that is appropriate for your child's grade level, and drop it off between November 26st and December 14th in your child's classroom or advisor's room.

Ideas for donations: Picture Books, Chapter Books, Flashcards, Puzzles, Phonics Games, Math Games, Science Activities, Any other fun, educational game or activity!

Thank you so much for your help. The children who receive the toys will truly be grateful this holiday season.

DATES AHEAD

December 10
Governance Committee

December 24 - Jan 1
Winter Break
(No School)

January 2
Classes Resume

January 8
Finance Committee

January 10
Board Meeting

January 17
Winter Concert

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OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Friday, December 14

Out of Uniform Day is coming up Friday, December 14th. Please use the flyer that is linked in Mrs. Farrell's email.

PTA

PTA Meeting: The next PTA meeting will be Thursday, December 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the Richfield Campus. Free child care provided for all potty-trained children.

Feed Your Smile: The PTA would like to thank those community members who came out and supported the Dine-to-Donate at Potbelly Sandwich shop. By attending this event you not only helped raise money for SHPA but also supported a business that has direct connections to SHPA!

Fall Book Fairs: Once again the Fall Book Fairs were a great success! Overall, the book fairs did about \$11,000 in business, which is about \$2,000 more than previous year. That means that the school will receive around \$5,500 in Scholastic dollars to put towards the purchase of books for our school! The Richfield book fair did twice as much business in 2018 versus in the fall of 2017!

More PTA Updates at <https://sevenhillspta.org> or join our Facebook page at Seven Hills PTA.

GRADE SCHOOL WINTER CELEBRATION

On Friday December 21st, Seven Hills will have our 3rd Annual Winter Celebration. It is a day of cooperation, fun and joy!! This is a community-wide school event for grades K to 3.

We need a lot of smiling faces to make this a fun success. We are looking for many **volunteers** from 9 am to 11 am that day, to help us pull off such a highly anticipated event for the students. *Do note that your student may or may not pass through the activity station in which you are assigned. We will work together to bring the fun to our students.*

If you are interested in volunteering* please email Krista Hong at VolunteerCoordinator@shpamn.org by Thursday, December 13th at the latest.

*All volunteers are required to have completed a background check.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Next School Board Meeting: Thursday, January 10th at 6 pm, at the Bloomington Campus.

SHPA school board meeting minutes:

<http://sevenhillspreparatoryacademy.org/about-our-school/board-of-directors#executive>

Meet a Board Member

Molly Lee, Board Secretary, Parent Member
Current term: 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2020

Committees: PR (co-chair), HR, Governance
Connection to SHPA: I have a son in 6th grade at Richfield Campus and a daughter in 3rd grade at the Bloomington campus. My husband is the current president of the PTA.

Fun Fact: I graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1998 and joined both parents, many aunts and uncles and even cousins as an alumni of Gustavus. Go Gusties!

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