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From the Principal

A Word from the Executive Director

Season's Greetings,

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,

Sincerely,

Carl Schlueter

Grade School Winter Celebration

On Friday December 21st, Seven Hills will have our 4th Annual Winter Celebration. It is a day of cooperation, fun and joy!! This is a community-wide school event for grades K-5.

We need a lot of smiling faces to make this a fun success. We are looking for many volunteers to help us pull off such a highly anticipated event for the students, from 8:45 am to Noon that day. 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.

DATES AHEAD

December 24, 2018

- January 1, 2019

Winter break

January 2, 2019

School resumes

January 11, 2019

Winter Music Concert
1:30 pm

January 21, 2019

No School
Martin Luther King Day

January 25, 2019

No School
Teacher Workshop

May 9, 2019

Spring Music Concert
6:30 pm

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School Board Report

Next School Board Meeting:

Thursday, January 10th at 6 pm at SHPA 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 served on: 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!

Same Day Transportation Changes

All same day transportation changes should be called in by 2:00 pm. Please call 952-426-6000, listen for the prompt and press "2" to leave your message.

Also, 3:20 is latest you may pick up students from the office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA Update

The next PTA meeting will be Thursday, December 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the Richfield Campus.

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 in the fall of 2017!

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