



COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Weekly Messages For February 22 - 26, 2010

This week

February 22
February 25
February 26

Sign and return your child's paycheck
Mandatory Meeting for 8th Grade Parents, 5:30 pm, gym
Progress Reports will be mailed home
Grandparents' Day/ Black History Month Celebration, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, gym

Important upcoming dates

March 3
March 4

Admissions Open House, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, gym
LPA Meeting, 6:00 pm

Special Meeting for all 8th Grade Parents/Guardians—MANDATORY

All parents/guardians of current 8th graders are asked to attend a mandatory meeting on **Thursday, February 25th, at 5:30 pm** at Link to discuss academic, behavior and end-of-year topics.

Latenesses

As we have shared previously both in Weekly Messages and during morning circle, we expect Link students to arrive to school on time every day. Arriving promptly allows students to participate fully in the morning's activities and to appropriately prepare both physically and mentally for classes. When arriving to school on time, students live the Core Values of Responsibility and Doing One's Best and demonstrate they are prepared for the expectations beyond Link. Far too many students arrive to school late. All students must take the appropriate steps to ensure prompt arrival at school. Parents must do their part too. Following these simple tips will help:

- * Lay out school clothes the night before to ensure meeting uniform regulations
- * Prepare book bag/backpack and lunch the night before
- * Complete homework assignments, prepare for quizzes/tests and review notes from classes
- * Get 8-10 hours of sleep
- * Wake up with enough time to eat a healthy breakfast before leaving home
- * Leave the house with enough time to walk, drive, take the bus
- * Plan to arrive at Link at 7:40-7:45 am to allow for any commuting challenges

Beginning Monday, February 22nd, anyone incurring two unexcused absences in one week, serve an out of school suspension. Excused absences will be granted for documented high school visits, doctor's visits, funerals, etc.

Reminders to all:

Parents/ guardians must send in the money are due for the following items on **Monday, February 22, 2010**:
Cap and Gowns - \$15 (**MANDATORY**)
Graduation rings - \$35 (**NOT MANDATORY**)
ALL candy money (**MANDATORY**)

Grandparents' Day & Black History Month Celebration:

Come share in Link Community's Celebration of Grandparents' & Black history Month. There will be student performances by Link's Drama Elective, African Dance Group, Music Classes, & more. We hope to see you on February

26th at 6pm. After the performances we will share a potluck dinner, so all families are expected to bring enough of a dish to feed a large family, as follows:

COMMUNITY D- salads/bread/rolls
COMMUNITY H - hot baked dishes
COMMUNITY J- dessert/fresh fruit

COMMUNITY E- hot baked dishes
COMMUNITY I- hot vegetables
COMMUNITY M- chicken or fish

COMMUNITY F- chicken
COMMUNITY K- chicken or turkey

Summer Camps and Programs

Students have received a camp application request form for various summer opportunities available to them. Please fill this out and return it to the Main Office by Monday February 22. If students need an additional form, they are available in the main office. Time is a factor for camp selections. Please return the form as soon as possible. If you have any questions contact Aaron Betcher at 973.642.0529 x.26.



8th Grade Parents: Catholic High School Registration

Please inform Mr. Yates (973.642.0529 X24) if you have registered your child for a Catholic high school and also the amount of scholarship your child received from the school.

Essex County Vocational Schools

Testing for 8th graders seeking admission to Newark's four Vo-Tech schools will be held on Saturday, February 27th from 8 am – 12 pm. Testing will be done at each of the campuses: Newark Tech at 91 West Market Street, North 13th Street Tech at 300 North 13th Street in Newark; Bloomfield Tech at 209 Franklin Street in Bloomfield; and West Caldwell Tech at 620 Passaic Avenue in West Caldwell. Prior to taking the test, 8th grade students must pick up an application at any of the four campuses and return the completed application in order to take the test. Students must show up promptly at 8 am for check-in. For additional information, including weather-related issues, please contact the guidance department at any of the four ECVTS high schools. For more information about the schools, please visit the ECVTS website: www.essextech.org.

Yearbook Reminder

---8th grade: Information about purchasing ads in the school yearbook was sent home with your child in a large white envelope last week. If you'd like to purchase an ad for your graduate, please send in photos, a message, and your money (check or money order please; made payable to Link Community School) to the attention of Mrs. Berutti or Mrs. Pangia. See the white envelope for details. The prices for the ads are:

\$30.00- Full page

\$20.00- Half page

\$10.00- Message, 25 words, no photos!

---7th grade: 7th graders or their families will be able to put a message in the yearbook. Information about this will be sent home shortly. Any questions? Contact Mrs. Berutti at 973.643.0529.

THE LINK PARENTS ASSOCIATION (LPA)
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
Our Monthly PARENTS' MEETING
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010 AT 6 PM

8th Parents' Guide to High School Placement: 8th Grade parents explain what you need to do to get your child into the High School of their choice. All 7th grade families are encouraged to attend.

Continuing Adult Education Opportunities presentation by Berkeley College

Nominations for LPA President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer

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