

SHARON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
Friday, December 12, 2008

Monday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, day 3, Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, day 4, Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, day 5,  
Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, day 6, Friday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, day 1

*The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.* .....Francis Maitland Balfour

**STUDENTS/PARENTS**

**Holiday Giving:**

Due to the difficult and uncertain economic climate, this year's holidays are strained for many people. This year the Staff at SMS, instead of exchanging gifts with each other, has chosen to purchase and donate toys to the "Toys for Tots" program. We would also like to invite the entire community of Sharon Middle School to participate. Your gift of a toy will help bring a happy holiday to a child in need. "Toys for Tots" asks for new, unwrapped gifts for children. We will be gratefully accepting toys in the office until Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season to everyone!

**Mid-term Reports:**

Mid-term reports will go home on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Parent sign-off sheet is due on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**December Concert Dates:**

SMS String Concert, grades 6&7, Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
SMS Choral Concert, grades 6,7,&8, Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
SMS Band Concert, Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Health Classes:**

The Gr. 6 puberty unit will begin on January 12<sup>th</sup>.  
The Gr. 8 sexuality unit will begin on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Calendar Change:**

The January 6 workshop day is being POSTPONED until January 27, 2009.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Philadelphia Trip:**

The enrollment date for the trip has passed. If you have not enrolled and are still interested please contact Mr. O'Rourke. A wait list may be created if others would like to enroll late.

**Winter Intramurals:**

The winter session will begin on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and go through Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOP IS BEING POSTPONED:**

**ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL) WORKSHOP:**

All Middle School parents are invited to attend a workshop with Phil Fogelman, Education Director for New England of the ADL's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute. This program, which relies on trained student peer leaders to facilitate activities and discussions among students, has been adopted at both Sharon Middle School and Sharon High School.

NEW DATE: **TBA**

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sharon High School Library

The objectives of the workshop are:

To introduce the ADL Peer Training program, including its history, goals, and impact;

To provide parents with an opportunity to experience selected peer training activities to advance their understanding of bias- and diversity-related education;

To empower parents to support the efforts to foster a more inclusive learning environment in which individual differences are respected and valued.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Chase at [pandkchase@comcast.net](mailto:pandkchase@comcast.net) or (781) 784-3048.