

December

News from North

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North Penn's Christmas Concert

North Penn's Christmas Concert is Monday, December 5 at 7pm in Pennfield High School's Auditorium. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade will all perform. Students need to arrive at the High School no later than 6:45pm.

Kindergarten will report to the Choir Room
1st Grade to the Band Room
2nd Grade to Room F-106

Please plan to stay for the *entire program* as *all* of our students have worked very hard and will not be dismissed until the last grade to perform is back in their designated room. Thanks for your courtesy and help keeping our students safe.

Winter is Here!

It can be very cold on North Penn's playground as the wind blows from the open fields on both sides. We want children to be warm and enjoy their recess time outside.

Please be sure your child brings the necessary winter weather wear (coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and boots with **their name** in them) to school **everyday** until Spring Break. At recess time a determination will be made about what students need to wear outside. Sometimes they may only be needed to keep clothes clean and dry. If you are unable to obtain any of these necessary items for your child, please call North Penn as soon as possible and we will try to help any way we can.

Santa's Secret Shop

Students will have the opportunity to shop for quality, moderately priced gifts for mom, dad, brothers, sisters and others at Santa's Secret Shop next week on December 6, 7 and 8.

Gift List Planners and money will be collected at the beginning of next week and students will have the opportunity to shop on one of these three days. If your child plans to shop, please be sure they bring their

Gift List Planner to school on Monday.

In the spirit of giving, we would like to ask that students not plan on shopping for themselves. Students will be given the opportunity to bring change home or if otherwise indicated on their envelope, they may donate their change to the local food bank.

Christmas Parties

North Penn Christmas Parties will be on December 21 from 2-3pm.

Dates to Remember!

North Penn Christmas Program - Dec. 5
Santa's Secret Shop - Dec. 6, 7 & 8
Last Day for Hearts & Hands Donations - Dec. 12
Last Day for Food Drive Items - Dec. 15
North Penn Night Kellogg Arena-Dec. 15 7:30pm
Christmas Parties - Dec. 21 from 2-3pm
Christmas Break Begins - Dec. 22
School Resumes - Jan. 4

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Battle Creek Knights to Visit North Penn Night at Kellogg Arena

Several players from our local professional basketball team, the Battle Creek Knights of the International Basketball League, will be visiting North Penn on Tuesday, December 6. Players will speak at an all school assembly about things such as the importance of working hard in school, respecting one another, and being kind and responsible citizens.

They will also demonstrate some of their basketball skills in the school gymnasium. As a part of this visit the Battle Creek Knights are designating their **December 15** home game as **North Penn Night** at the Kellogg Arena. For every paid admission by a North Penn parent or staff member the Knights will make a \$1.00 donation to North Penn's Student Activity Fund.

Game time is at 7:30 on Thursday, December 15.

Tickets for games are \$5.00 for adults, kids 12 and under are free.

See you at the game!



Hearts and Hands Update



"It is better to give than receive" most of us have often heard, and once again the North Penn and Purdy communities have given great meaning to this phrase. We have watched donations of toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and a variety of small toiletry items pour into school this week and have found that we are very fortunate to live in such a great community filled with so



many kind and generous people.



The last day to send in these items will be Monday, December 12.

On Monday, our Kindergarten students will sort these items for distribution by S.A.F.E. Place. 1st grader's will put their Heart and Hands to work as they prepare bags of trail mix for the Haven of Rest. Our 2nd grade students will work hard to assemble fleece blankets for S.A.F.E. Place.

Thank you North Penn students and families for opening your hearts and hands.

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Bently J. Laser, Superintendent

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Dear Parents,

One of the very best lessons our children learn while in school is how to be good citizens and contributing members to society. Traditionally, during the Christmas holidays, Pennfield students have shared the spirit of giving to others in our community that are less fortunate than themselves by donating non-perishable food items.

Once again this year, students are asked to bring these items to their school, where the food will be collected and distributed through the Pennfield Lion's Club. Recipients of the food will be deserving families in the Pennfield School District.

Should you desire to have your child bring food items, please send them to North Penn no later than Thursday, December 15.

May you and your family have a joyous HOLIDAY SEASON!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ben Laser
Superintendent