



ST. GEORGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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December 4, 2008

Dates to Remember

December 5,6: Scholastic Book Fair, St. George School

December 6: Pancake Breakfast with Santa, 7-11AM,
St. George Town Hall. Sponsored by Trekkers.
\$5/breakfast, \$5/photo with Santa

December 6: St. George School Holiday Craft Fair,
8AM-2PM.

December 11: Gr. 1-5 Vocal Performances and Chorus
Concert, 1:30PM, school gym.

December 18: 6:30PM, Middle Level Band Holiday
Concert and Dessert Buffet and Raffle

December 22: 6:30PM, 5th Grade Band Concert, snow
date for Middle Level Band Concert

Important Reminders

- **Use only the main (bus) entrance to the school, during school hours.**
- *All* visitors, volunteers and parents *must* sign in at the office before proceeding to classrooms, etc.
- Please call the school by 8:30AM when your child is not coming to school or will be tardy.
- Please check in at the office when dropping off your tardy K-2 grade student. Tardy 3-8 grade students need to check in at the office when they arrive at school.
- Please come to the office to sign out your child when he/she is being dismissed early from school.
- A phone call and/or note are necessary when your child's after school plans are different from this/her regular routine.
- A phone call and/or note are necessary when your child is staying after school for scouts, recreation department events, 4-H or any other activity.

Holiday Party at Jackson Memorial Library

Melissa Sweet, popular children's author and illustrator, will be the featured guest at the special children's holiday party at Jackson Memorial Library in Tenants Harbor on Saturday, December 13th at 10a.m.. Sweet will read one of her books for young children and share her artistic talents as she leads the group in making holiday decorations. Please call 372-8961 for more information.

Boys and Girls Book Club Blog

Students in Jackson Memorial Library's book clubs have started a blog to review the books they have read each month. You can view the blog and make comments by going to the library's website, <http://www.jacksonmem.lib.me.us> and clicking on Youth Blog on the homepage.

7th Grade Basketball

The 7th Grade Girl's Basketball team has 3 games this week! We are celebrating their undefeated record. Everyone went outside to cheer for them as they boarded the bus to Searsport on Tuesday. We want everyone to wear blue and white on Wednesday and Thursday and try to attend one of the home games this week. Don't forget your pom-poms!

Kindergarten Christmas News

Kindergarten has been learning about different countries and how they celebrate their holiday season. This month we are learning about the countries of Mexico, Sweden, Russia, France, Germany, and the United States. They are discovering that some children have other people deliver their presents instead of Santa Claus, like Babushka and the Tomten. They are also learning where the countries are located on a map, how different children dress, what special foods they eat, and the many reasons why they celebrate their holiday.

Holiday Festivities in the Harbor

Don't miss the holiday festivities in the harbor on December 6. Start the day off with the Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Sponsored by Trekkers, this is at the town office from 7-11. Then move on to the Holiday Craft Fair at the St. George School. There will be a variety of locally made crafts perfect for Christmas presents. Look for hand painted items, ornaments, braided rugs, wreathes, jewelry, beaded work and hand knit items. Stay for lunch and enjoy a delicious lobster stew, lunch items and home made dessert. The 8th grade class will feature a number of AMAZING raffles for gift certificates and gift baskets. There will also be a shopping room where children can purchase inexpensive items for their families and the Scholastic Book Fair.

Finish up the day at the Christmas Fair at the Wiley's Corner Grange. You will find another great selection of crafts and baked goods. Don't forget to purchase your Christmas tree from the 8th grade students. What a great opportunity to support your local community, get some holiday shopping done, enjoy some great food, and never leave the peninsula!

Space is still available at the St. George School Fair. Call 372-6312 to reserve a table.

Toys for Tots

New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at school by December 18th.

Band Notes

Mrs. Kanicki

Please make a special note of the up-coming concert dates: Middle Level Band Holiday Concert: Thursday, December 18th...and the 5th grade Beginning band concert: Monday, December 22nd. Both concerts will begin at 6:30pm.

Holiday Vocal Performances

The St. George School community is invited to a holiday vocal concert on Thursday, December 11 at 1:30PM. The St. George School Chorus and students in grades 1-5 will perform. Students are asked to wear nice clothing in festive colors of the season.

Snare Drum Kit for Sale

The kit includes drum w/new head, drum stand, practice pad, drum key, new sticks, back-pack style carrying case and music stand all for \$75.00. For more information call 372-8904.

St. George Recreation Department Wayne Judkins

Volunteers are always needed to help us set-up, clean-up, do the scorebook, run the scoreboard, or referee at our youth basketball games. If you're willing to help us, but don't know how to do any of these tasks, please contact the Parks & Recreation Director and we'd be happy to teach you the "tricks of the trade"!

"Supervised Open Gym" will continue on a once a month basis (provided it's well attended and participants are well behaved!) at the St. George School gym. The next session will take place on Sunday, December 14th. Kindergarten through 4th grade will go from 2:00-3:00pm and 5th through 8th grade will be 3:00-4:00pm. Any volunteers willing to stay and help clean up afterwards are always welcome & appreciated!

Our Parks & Recreation Committee also meets on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00pm at the Town Office. Coaching appointments are typically done at these meetings (along with other departmental business), please contact the Director (372-6363 x203 / prksrec@stgeorgemaine.com) if you're interested in coaching one of our youth teams. Some coaching vacancies still exist.

Our next monthly Senior Citizen's Pot Luck Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, the 9th of December at 11:30am at the Town Office. We'll be having "Ron Anderson & Friends" providing live music for the group after eating. Please spread the word! Invite any senior citizen from age 50 to 150 to bring their favorite dish to share (if they are able) and join us for some good food, fellowship and entertainment. All are welcome! Check the town website (www.stgeorgemaine.com) for schedules and more information.

Yearbook Update

Katie Crandall

The yearbook staff wants to do everything it can to capture the events and activities that will become a wonderful memory for many years to come. We are asking for your assistance in gathering photos. Please submit them electronically to kecrandall@verizon.net or drop them off at school and I will pick them up. Remember, we can't be everywhere and would enjoy your favorites.

6th & 7th Grade Health Curriculum News

We will be beginning to learn about substance abuse during health class. In grade 6, we work with a Great Body Shop unit called, "Addictions" and learn about the harmful affects of drugs. In grade 7, our unit is called, "Danger Ahead: The Truth about Drugs". We continue to learn about the gateway drugs: marijuana, inhalants, alcohol and tobacco. We also focus on protective factors that encourage young people to make healthy decisions. If you would like to preview any of the curriculum or materials used in class or have any questions, please contact me at lmclaughlin@msad50.org or #354-6353 (TGS).

8th Grade Basketball Begins

Eighth grade basketball practice begins this month. The girls' team began on Monday December 1st and the boys begin on the 10th. Below are the practice schedules for each team.

GIRLS

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| Monday Dec. 1st | 3-5 |
| Tuesday Dec. 2 | Open gym 3-4:30 |
| Wednesday Dec 3 | 5:30-7 |
| Thursday Dec. 4 | 5:30-7 |
| Monday Dec. 8 | 6-7:30 |
| Tuesday Dec 9 | 4-5 |
| Wednesday Dec 10 | 4-5:30 |
| Monday Dec 15 | 6-7:30 |
| Friday Dec 19 | 3-4:30 |
| Tuesday Dec 23 | 6-7:30 |

BOYS

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| Tuesday Dec. 2 | Open Gym 3-4:30 |
| Wednesday Dec. 10 | 5:30-7 |
| Thursday Dec 11 | 5:30-7 |
| Friday Dec 12 | 4:30-6 |
| Monday Dec 15 | 6-7:30 |
| Tuesday Dec 16 | 5:30-7 |
| Wednesday Dec 17 | 4:30-6 |
| Friday Dec 19 | 4:30-6 |
| Monday Dec 22 | 4:30-6 |
| Tuesday Dec 23 | 4:30-6 |