



# ST. GEORGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **January 8, 2009**

### **Dates to Remember**

- January 9: Dance at Watts Hall for grades 6,7,8  
7:00-9:00PM. \$5 admission
- January 17: Open House at the Grace Youth Center,  
10:00Am-3:00PM
- January 19: Martin Luther King Day observance, no  
school.
- January 23: Early release day.

### **Are You Interested?**

Any 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl who is interested in playing on a travel basketball team, please have your parents contact Angie Vachon. Coach Vachon needs to be notified by the 9th of January.

### **Basketball Team Photos**

7th and 8th grade basketball team photos will be taken after school on Tuesday, Jan.13th. Members of the 7th grade girls' team will need to be picked up at about 3:45. Student athletes or parents may pick up forms from Ms. Worthing. Please remember to bring the money with you on picture day - uniforms too!

### **8th Grade Basketball Schedule**

**Monday**, Jan. 12 Home VS Woolwich, girls first

**Wednesday**, Jan. 14 Home VS TGS, girls first

**Friday**, Jan. 16 At Searsport, girls first

**Tuesday**, Jan. 20 At Woolwich, boys first

**Wednesday**, Jan. 21 At Great Salt Bay, girls first

**Thursday**, Jan. 22 Boys only, home VS Bristol

**Monday**, Jan. 26 Home VS GSB, girls first

**Wednesday**, Jan. 28 At TGS, girls first

**Thursday**, Jan. 29 Home VS Searsport, girls first

**Monday**, Feb. 2 Boys only, at Bristol

Playoffs will be on Feb. 5, 9 and Championship on 2/11 at Lincoln Academy. All games begin at 3:45pm

### **Ms. Thompson Reports**

First graders in Ms. Thompson's class have been reading books by Laura Numeroff (If You Give A Mouse A Cookie, If You Give A Moose A Muffin etc.). We discovered that Ms. Numeroff uses a pattern to write her stories. Everyone decided to write a book that uses the same pattern! Some of our ideas were; If You Give A Hamster A Lollipop, If you Take An Elephant to the Movies and If You Give A Chicken A Watermelon!

### **St. George 4-H Club News**

The next 4-H meeting will be January 20 at 3:00 in Ms. Maynard's room. All 4-Hers must return their enrollment forms and project book orders. Questions? Call 975-7177.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lady Dragons Are Champions!**

Our Division II girl's basketball team capped their undefeated season by beating Appleton in the league championship game. The game was played on December 20<sup>th</sup> at Lincolnville Central School, with St. George winning by a score of 32 to 13. [See the printed edition for student names.] Congratulations Dragons!

### **New Interim Report**

Recently, the 6-8 Team revised their interim report to reflect the learning targets in each class and individual progress towards those targets. Also included was a checklist of learning habits. There was a letter attached to those reports asking for feedback, but because of snow days and the holidays, very few came back signed. We are still seeking that feedback. It is our goal to move towards a more meaningful way of reporting progress to parents.

Please take a few minutes to give us feedback and send the letter back signed. Feel free to call or email with your questions and concerns. Our addresses are posted on the district's web site [[www.msad50.org](http://www.msad50.org)] and in the handbook.

Thanks! Alison England, Michele Gee, Lilli Martin, Josh McPhail, Sonja Schmanska.

### **The Geography Bee** [see printed edition for names]

The Geography Bee, sponsored by National Geographic, will test the knowledge of the children in grades 4-8, in their geography skills. We have been practicing in social studies classes this week. Mr. McPhail will be the bee master A sample question from the practice bee is "Casablanca and Tripoli are historic cities on which continent?"

Most of us will be observing from the stands. You are allowed to make signs to cheer on friends, but not to make any noises in the stands, especially if you know the answer!. It will be happening this Friday during SPARKS at 2:05-2:50. The participants will be:

[See printed edition for names]

### **New Youth Center - Meet Brad and Abby**

[See printed edition for name]

On the last Friday before Christmas vacation, the new directors from the Lillius Gilchrist Grace Youth Center (aka "The Grace Place") came up to meet us and talk about what it will be like when they open the center. They are Brad Carey and Abby Biser. We played games during SPARKS with them and they gave us a survey to find out things we like to do. They are very nice and we had fun. Soon, the center will be open on week-ends and after school for St. George Students in grades 6-8.

In the near future, there will be an open house for parents to come tour and meet the directors. Look for an invitation coming soon. At the Grace Center there will be various activities like cooking, dance, a game room, homework and reading spaces, and lots of after-school activities. Abby and Brad said that they are welcome to all ideas from us students 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They can teach some things, like guitar, and they said kids could teach things too!

Registration forms that were mailed to each home must be returned to homeroom teachers or mailed back to the Grace Youth Center as soon as possible.

### **Welcome Mrs.Cousens!** [See printed edition for student name]

Lorri Cousens is our new Ed Tech in the resource room. She replaces Sharity Paulsen who left to work at a new fulltime job at Hannaford. Lorri has been working with kids in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> for 20 years. During the interview she said, "I'm looking forward to working with everyone." Mrs. Cousens has been working in this district for 2 years; and out of all the schools, she likes this school the most. Besides her job, Mrs. Cousens has three sons and has helped them with school work, because she knows how important a good education is. Her favorite subject is math. If you see her, be sure to welcome her to our school.

### **St. George School Logowear**

The Parent Group has re-stocked their inventory of shirts, hats, sweatshirts and stuff sacks, all with the St. George School dragon logo. Order forms are available at school.

### **Congratulations!**

Music teacher Mrs. Pacheco is pleased to announce that the following students have been accepted to the Sixth Grade District III Honors Chorus:

[See printed edition for student names]

### **Stormy Weather?**

Check TV and radio stations as well as VillageSoup.com for school delay and cancellation notices. If bad weather develops after we have arrived at school, please stay tuned to the TV and radio for announcements regarding early dismissal. **Please do not call the school for this information.** School staff will call the parents of all students in grades K-2 to spread the news of an early dismissal and to get any special instructions for after school plans. If time allows, staff will contact parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Students in grades 3-8 should come to school knowing what to do and where to go in the event of an early dismissal. A note from home detailing these plans would be great! Please help us keep the phone lines open!