



December 1, 2009

NEWSLETTER #4

BAND

Belvidere Central Middle School bands will present a "WINTER CONCERT" on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Performing Arts Center at BHS. The concert will start at 7:00 pm with the Sixth Grade Band followed by the 7th Grade, 8th Grade and Jazz Bands. 7th and 8th graders are also planning to march at the 'Hometown Christmas' parade on Saturday, December 5th, weather permitting. The parade starts at 10:00 am, with the BCMS band walking right in front of Santa in the parade. Students meet at BCMS at **9:00 am for the parade**, and **6:30 at BHS for the concert on the 15th**. Hope to see you there!

CHORUS

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS (Optional Activity) for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, December 4, 2009. We will meet at the Christmas tree by the Historical Museum in Belvidere on State Street between 5:30 and 5:45 pm. We will be done by 6:15 pm. Dress warm – no chorus uniform.

CHORUS CONCERT (Required activity for a grade) Monday, December 7, 2009 at the PAC at BHS. Arrive between 6:30-6:45 pm. The concert will be over by 8:00 pm. Students should wear concert dress which includes Chorus blouse/shirt, black dress pants, and black closed-toed shoes. 7th and 8th grade girls may wear red or green tank tops under the chorus blouse.

Value Card money is due NOW! Thanks for your wonderful support.

STAFF LUNCHEON – December 16.

The band and chorus will sponsor a staff luncheon on December 16th during all the staff lunch hours. Parent help is needed to organize and provide food for this event. Please call Mrs. Karvelius at 547-3342 or Ms. Kelly at 547-3347.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

In accordance with Section 34-43 of the Illinois School Code, budget information for Belvidere School District #100 is available on-line at www.district.com. To view the budget, simply follow these links: About Us, Central Office, and Operations.

BUSSING

Please address your concerns with bussing to Durham Transportation at 815-544-9766.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Please contact ARAMARK at try@aramark.com should you have any questions about the nutritional facts concerning the school breakfast/lunch program.

MATH COUNTS

Students of all grade levels will practice advanced problem solving in a timed setting both individually and as a team. See Ms. Spears' homepage for the Math Counts practice link. Students are able to participate in Math Counts even if they are unable to attend meeting due to other commitments. How? Students must see Ms. Spears the day of the scheduled meeting to turn in practice work and then receive the next practice packet. Students should then attend meetings once their other commitments have been fulfilled. As with any school event, academics should come first. Students must maintain a C or better in all core classes to participate in competitions.



WRESTLING NEWS

Wrestling practice started on November 30. Any students still interested should see Mr. Oldani after school this week as the deadline for joining the team will be Friday December 4, 2009.

LEARNING CENTER-LIBRARY BOOK FAIR NEWS

Thank you to everyone involved in making Central Middle School Library's Book Fair a great success this year! Students should be watching for new and fantastic books to appear in the library.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

A meeting for athletes and parents for any girls in 7th and 8th grade interested in trying out for the **Girls' Basketball team will be held on December 8th from 6:00-6:45** in the school cafeteria. Tryouts will be held from December 14-18 depending on the grade.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Tumbling ends this week. Our next unit is volleyball and we will start it on December 7, 2009. Fitness winners will be given shirts and patches on Monday, December 7.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gries

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- December 4 Mid-Quarter #2 Report cards home
- December 7 Chorus Concert at PAC 7:00
- December 8 Girls' Basketball Meeting 6:00 (Female athletes and parents-7th and 8th grade)
- December 10 Boys' NCJC Basketball Tournament (7th in Rochelle, 8th at BCMS and BSMS)
- December 11 School Dance
- December 12 Boys' NCJC Basketball Tournament (7th in Rochelle, 8th at BCMS and BSMS)
- December 14 Blood Drive 3:00-7:00 Cafeteria
- December 15 Band Concert 7:00
- December 18 Last day of school prior to Winter Break
- December 21 Winter Break begins