



PRS-Family News

December 1, 2023

I can't believe December is upon us. This year sure is flying by! We have quite a variety of lost and found items and I want to thank Sera M and Polly H who have been instrumental in the new display of these lost and lonely items. Please take some time during parent/teacher conferences to look through our collection.

The South Windsor Public Schools has openings for caring, responsible, and reliable individuals to substitute in all of our schools. We need your help to find individuals interested in working in our amazing district with wonderful students and staff, while having a flexible schedule and earning \$125 per day. Prior experience working with school-aged children or a bachelor's degree is required. Our substitutes are an essential part of our schools. Please share with your friends, neighbors, and relatives who may be looking for a flexible job opportunity, enjoy community involvement, or are interested in gaining experience working in the field of education. For more information, please contact any of our school administrators or visit our website to apply for about these important positions:

<https://www.applitrack.com/southwindsor/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Substitute>



Student Leadership Message

The Student Leadership Team has two fun projects coming up in December. The first is our annual Pajama Day for the Cure to support Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Please consider a donation of \$1 or more and your child can wear pajamas to school for the day. The money will support children who are in the hospital over the holidays. Also, we are sponsoring a Toy Drive from November 27 through December 15. New, unwrapped toys for kids of all ages can be dropped off in the school lobby. All toys will be donated to South Windsor Human Services. Thank you for your kind support.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wEoMLv4pyp5STA7Ax-ZDueibYtPTSbZA38BVg-uhuzl/edit?usp=sharing>

Communication About Change in Dismissal Plans

If you are going to email a change in dismissal for your child, please email both Deepti dgupta@swindsor.k12.ct.us and Lisa Lovett llovett@swindsor.k12.ct.us. This will help to not miss communication when one of the office staff members is out.

Reporting an Absence in Parent Portal

Check out this video on how to report an absence in parent portal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wiBT2yfSj4>

Universal Stories

We wanted to remind everyone now that the holidays are upon us that we still have the "Universal Stories" link available for students and staff to access. Take a look, it would be great for families to submit your story for our community to enjoy.

Here's the link...<https://sites.google.com/apps.southwindsorschools.org/prs-universal-stories/home>

PRS PTO Holiday Workshop

Hello PRS families: The PRS PTO Holiday Craft Workshop will be held at PRS on 12/9/23 9a-12p! Order forms will no longer be accepted at this time, but we will have some extra crafts for sale the day of the event. If you are planning to purchase photobooth strips or concession items, please bring small bills in cash. We will also have Avery croc charms for sale at the event! 1/\$3 or 2/\$5! We still need lots of help with setup, donations of supplies and help the day of the event! Please view the sign up genius below for volunteer opportunities. Your help is greatly appreciated!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0849ADAF23AAF94-45648666-prspto>

PRS PTO Bingo

It is time to plan for our annual Bingo Night 2024! BINGO NIGHT will be held on Friday, January 12th, at Timothy Edwards Middle School cafeteria at 5:30pm. Bingo Cards and Pizza Slices will be available for Pre-Order. An email with that pre-order form will be emailed out after Thanksgiving. Raffle tickets for our amazing raffle baskets will be available for purchase at the event.

Each year, The raffle is made possible with the help of your donations. Here is the link if you are interested in donating a toy/craft/giftcard for the raffle baskets. These are just suggestions, we are appreciative of any toy/game/giftcard you are able to donate! You can also use this link to sign up to volunteer for this event, it takes many hands to pull off this great event!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4CA9A823A1FF2-46301644-prsbingo#/>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jill Duval at jduval@rickerdual.com or 781-264-0229.

Thank you,
PRS PTO Board

PTO Souper Luncheon for Teachers

Please consider signing up to help with the Soup-er luncheon on Wednesday, December 20th. The teachers absolutely love this special treatment!!

Soup-er Luncheon Flyer: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eMT1hlUvwmrj8oeoNf-fcf5X4nzFStyh/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117799131003466573745&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Souper Luncheon Sign-Up Genius: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ABAE2EA6FB6-46485014-souper#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ABAE2EA6FB6-46485014-souper#/)

MLK Jr Essay Contest

Senator Murphy invites your students to participate in his Office's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest. We ask students from elementary, middle, and high schools from across Connecticut to participate in honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by submitting essays that reflect on Dr. King's dream, their own aspirations, and the importance of what Dr. King means to them. Five essay winners will be selected from each education level. Winners will be invited to celebrate their success with Senator Chris Murphy at a breakfast ceremony in January!

Submissions are now open and must be received by **Friday, January 5th at 11:59pm**. Essays can be submitted [online](#) via the Senator's website or mailed to our Hartford Office.

Essay instructions can be found on the attached flyers. We encourage you to share our flyers with your school community!

We look forward to reading and reviewing your student's work! If you have any further questions, please contact us via email at MLK_Essay@murphy.senate.gov!

Poster Contest

We are happy to announce that the CT chapter of the American Statistical Association will be continuing our annual K-12 Data Visualization Poster Competition this year.

The contest this year will be in a hybrid format. Both physical and digital submissions will be accepted. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 29, 2024. Please see the attached PDF information document for dates and submission instructions.

All winning and honorable mention posters will be forwarded to the competition at the national level. We will hold an in-person awards ceremony for contest winners at the CT ASA mini-conference in mid-to-late April, exact location and date TBD.

We publicize our contest each year largely via word-of-mouth. Please help us in promoting the contest by participating / encouraging your students to participate, and sharing this information with other classes in your school and school district.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us at zhou.fan@yale.edu.

Best regards,
Zhou Fan and Leying Guan

CT ASA K-12 outreach

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BSnSadLSUhwISRr2ZdORbsOyKSgTly1w/view?usp=sharing>

Dates to Keep In Mind

12/6, 12/13, 12/20 Parent/Teacher Conferences

12/9 Holiday Workshop from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

12/22 1:15 dismissal

12/25/23-1/1/24 Holiday break School resumes on 1/2/24

Suggestion Boxes

We installed 3 suggestion boxes throughout the building for our staff, students and parents to provide feedback to us. Parents, there is one located in the vestibule area (main entrance), we have one in the cafe for our students and one in the staff lunch room for our faculty. Of course you are always welcome to call or email, but this is another way for parents to communicate with us about thoughts, ideas, comments or concerns.

POP Role Models

The Preschool Outreach Program (POP) is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year (attached is the application and the POP flyer). Please submit your application at your earliest convenience as the role model screenings are occurring. More details regarding a date and times for screenings will be sent to you from the POP staff once they receive your application.

[POP Role Model Application](#)

[POP Role Model Flyer 24-25](#)

Links

Family Directory https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VoK-tQHlxIajAilfHB_uNoFhpmGI82N/view?usp=sharing

Student Leadership

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wEoMLv4pyp5STA7Ax-ZDueibYtPTSbZA38BVg-uhuzl/edit?usp=sharing>

Open House Information/Links

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18-llz6JRKqHNfH86MVPXkACt8nVB92nT/view?usp=sharing>

Nurse's Blog

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QoYcCkcavI8PI0he7qdj66idT1cmvLoV9IW4z_DOjI8/edit?usp=sharing

Nov. PTO News <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XcRunUv002797VK2Ry88c3Ymr6lsnRCL/view?usp=sharing>

Volunteer Registration: This is the newly revised Volunteer Registration form-In order to volunteer you must complete this form. If you have already completed it in the past and have been approved to volunteer, you do not need to complete it again. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-YY-42ZxOAK16oe0_MME6uberDFv5P_ubEefFX2knqcUmQQ/viewform



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