



HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“Our men and women in uniform are bearers of a proud military tradition that has been dutifully passed forward—from generation to generation—for more than two centuries. In times of war and peace alike, our veterans have served with courage and distinction in the face of tremendous adversity, demonstrating an unfaltering commitment to America and our people. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the country they loved. The selflessness of our service members is unmatched, and they remind us that there are few things more fundamentally American than doing our utmost to make a difference in the lives of others.”

From President Obama’s 2011 Veterans Day Proclamation (http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/docs/veterans_day_proclamation.pdf)

THANK YOU:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the PCC who have been so supportive of our many clubs, activities, and fundraising programs at Horace Mann.

The winter Book Fair will be held on December 5, 6, & 7 during school. In addition, it will be open on the 8th and 9th in the afternoon to allow parents/guardians the opportunity to review our wonderful book selection before or after their conference(s). Remember to bring checks, cash or credit cards to the conference!!!

APPLICATIONS TO PRIVATE AND SOME PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS:

Private school application season is just beginning. Here are some helpful hints to make sure that your applications are on time:

1. Know your deadlines and send in applications early. It will take us at least 6 school days to process it, and it may take 5 days in the mail system to deliver it.
2. Send in the high school addressed envelopes with the affixed, ample postage.

Norfolk County Agricultural High School is currently taking applications. You must call the Admissions office at 508-668-0268 x 399 in order to start their process.

Tri-County RVTHS will send out applications to all 8th graders in the beginning of January. You will send in those applications to me. January is the most favorable time to apply because your student will interview with the first wave of students in early February.

Please call—or encourage your student to stop by the office—if you have any questions.

PICKING UP/DROPPING OFF STUDENTS IN THE PARKING LOT:

In our continuing efforts to think about student safety, we ask those who drop off students in the morning to not allow students to exit automobiles in the school parking lot. Likewise, please do not ask students to meet for pick-up in the parking lot at regular dismissal or from clubs and activities. All student pick-ups and drop-offs should be immediately in front of the school and cars should travel through the parking lot following the prescribed pattern.

If there is an emergency, where a quick drop-off or pick-up is needed and the line is not an option, please call Ms. Demers.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY 11/4/10:

The photographers will be here again on Friday, December 2 for picture retakes.

Any student who was:

- ◆ absent on September 8, the original picture date, or
- ◆ not satisfied with the quality of the original portrait

will be called to the auditorium between 7:30 and 9 am. The ticket for admission for a picture retake is the old photo package.

FOLLOW UP ON ASPEN ACCOUNTS (GRADES):

By this time, all parents should have received an email containing the information needed for logging in to Aspen to view your student's grades. A printed letter will also be sent home with students in the near future. We urge all parents who have not logged in, to do so soon.

If you encounter any problems with Aspen, please contact Mr. Fortin at fortins@franklin.k12.ma.us

Upcoming events:

November 23, 24, 25 School closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 2 Picture Retake Day

**December 8 and
December 9** Parent Conferences—Dismissal at 10:40

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

WWW.FRANKLIN.MA.US/AUTO/SCHOOLS/FPS/FLYER/DEFAULT.HTM

Please see flyers and announcements for Franklin Public School children and their families on this website.

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Upcoming Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, November 18th at 8:30am. Maureen Sabolinski, Superintendent of the Franklin Schools, will be joining us as our guest speaker. Maureen will be able to update us on the Franklin High School building project and answer any questions that you may have. In addition, we will be discussing the proposal for our PCC to become a 501c3. Please join us to get these very important updates!

Dates to Remember:

November 8th: Full Day Professional Development

November 11th: Veterans Day – No School

November 23th-25th: Thanksgiving Break

Other News and Updates:

Congratulations to Teri Attinello for winning the 2 tickets to the FEF Casino Night.

The PCC is sponsoring a “Thanks for our Teachers” raffle. One lucky teacher will win a gift card to a local grocery store.

Calling all Bakers! The PCC will be providing dessert for the teachers at their December Holiday Luncheon. If you would like to help out and donate baked goods, please contact Diane Oteri at dezac8@yahoo.com.

PCC Volunteer Opportunities:

HMMS is planning a **Scholastic Book Fair** December 5th – 7th. The PCC is looking for several parents to volunteer as helpers. If you have some free time in early December and would like to help, please contact Kim Derby at kim@thederbys.com. Money collected will go directly to books on the Teacher’s Wish List and the Library. If you would like to participate and purchase books, the Wish List will be available during the Parent Conferences December 8th and 9th.

Fundraising:

A **Movie Night** is schedule in March to support the PCC. Admission is free. Snacks will be available for purchase. If you have any questions, and would like to volunteer, please contact Lisa Rein.

The **Yard Sale** Committee is finalizing their plans to “sell tables” for interested sellers. The Yard Sale is scheduled in May. A committee of interested parents was formed at our October meeting. We will be updating you soon. If you would like to participate and volunteer, please contact a Board Member.

Thank you to Julie Skaza and all the families who participated in the **Dessert Fundraiser**. The profit for this fundraiser was \$500.

To date, the profit for the **Magazine Drive** was approximately \$2,500. Thank you for your participation.

The winner of a pizza party for the most **Box Tops** collected in October is Mrs. Garske’s Advisor Group! Congratulations. Your group collected 676 Box Tops! To date, Box Tops has raised \$683. Keep sending the Box Tops throughout the year. We will continue to collect Box Tops to support the PCC. To view a list of all participating products, go to www.btf.com.

Our **Turkey Raffle** has begun now through November 18th. Families can buy raffle tickets for the opportunity to win a free turkey! As part of this program, we will also donate turkeys to the Franklin Food Pantry. Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales go to the PCC to support enrichment programs.

Our next meeting will be January 19, 2012 at 6:00pm.