

9th Grade December 2009 Newsletter

PARENTS, PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

We hope you enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the Thanksgiving holiday break. Now there are only a few short weeks until Winter Break begins and all too soon 2010 will be here!

This month's newsletter gives us an opportunity to share some important dates and information about upcoming events specifically for freshman parents and students! We know how busy everyone is with work, home and school life, so we hope this helps you organize your calendar and plan ahead. Please also check the USPA general calendar attached with this newsletter and the school calendar on the BB&N web site, www.bbns.org, for general events and activities.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped out and/or attended BB&N events so far this year. Freshman parent and student attendance at events has been fantastic; we have a great group of freshman families!

Thursday, December 10, 8:00 a.m.
"Counseling and Learning Support at BB&N"
Stonestreet Lounge, BB&N Upper School Athletic Center

For 9th Grade Parents.
Coffee and muffins, etc., will be served.

Join Doug Neuman, Upper School Counselor, and Angela Tabb, who focuses on 9th grade in BB&N's Student Learning Support group, to find out about these valuable resources for students and families navigating life at BB&N's Upper School!

Wednesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.
Freshman Mom's Night Out!
West Side Lounge
1680 Mass Ave, Cambridge 02138

We are looking forward to convening 9th grade moms for drinks, appetizers and good cheer. Please let us know if you can make it so that we can reserve space! (Dads welcome, too!!) West Side Lounge is located between Harvard Square and Porter Square. Parking available on street. RSVP to:

Dinny Starr (Jacquie Gordon's mom) dinnystarr@comcast.net
Karyn Wilson (Elizabeth Byrne's mom) KarynWilson@aol.com
Julie Kaneb (Alicia Kaneb's mom) jakaneb@comcast.net

Thursday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.
9th Grade Parent to Parent Evening
Upper School Academic Center

This is a VERY worthwhile evening, featuring Upper School Counselor Doug Neuman and Freshman Dean David Strodel, who will provide advice and an informational summary about the upcoming week of exams for 9th graders. Please mark your calendars now as this evening comes up during the first week back to school from Winter Break!

Saturday, January 9
9th Grade Parent Evening Social!
at Alan Gordon and Dinny Starr's home
47 Caroline Park, Newton, MA

Don't miss this fun social event for 9th grade parents and be on the lookout for more details to come during December!

Friday, January 29, all day
9th Grade Student-Faculty Ski Trip
Loon Mountain - bus service will be provided

This ski trip for 9th grade students and chaperoned by the faculty is always popular, coming as it does at the end of exam week! Stay tuned for more information from Grade Dean David Strodel. Typically, the cost per student includes bus transportation and lunch. Ski or snowboard equipment may be rented for an additional charge. Helmets required (also available for rental) for all participants. Financial assistance is available; please contact Dean Strodel if interested.

Please note that because the trip is slated for the last day of exam week, which is the emergency snow day for exams, skiing would be canceled if the school has a snow day on any of the four preceding exam days.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, we are happy to help and look forward to hearing from you.

Happy holidays and remember to take a deep breath and enjoy this busy time as it flies by!

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