

January 6, 2020

Happy New Year Families,

We have an AMAZING ARTS WEEK coming this week!

Art Show!

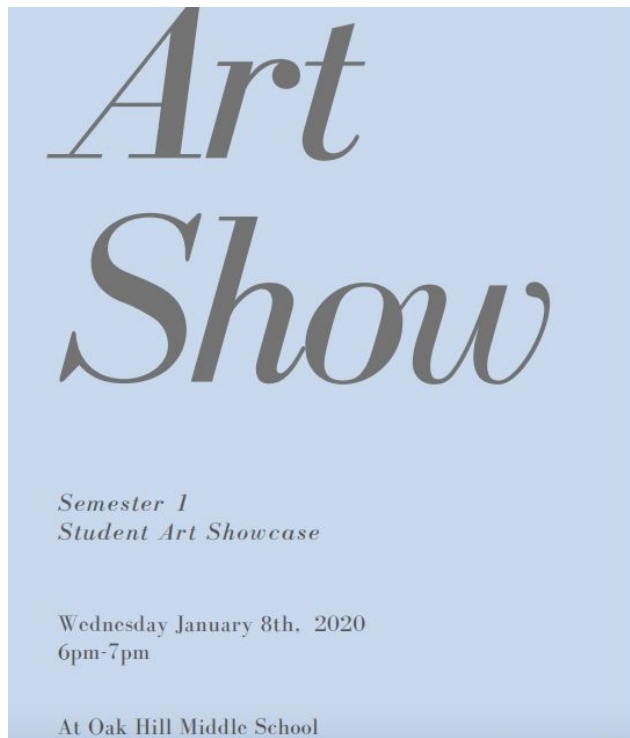
String Orchestra Concert

Band-O-Rama Concert! All the information below!

This Wednesday Night, Jan. 8 there will be an Art Show and String Orchestra Concert:


- The Art Show will be from 6pm to 7pm.
- The String Orchestra concert led by Mr. Caleb Cutler with special guest conductor Dr. Jamin Bercauw will follow the art show from 7pm to 8pm!

This Thursday Night, January 9, there will be the Oak Hill 7th/8th Grade Band led by Ms. Katja Kleyensteuber performing with the Brown and Newton South bands at the Newton South auditorium at 7pm



Some other reminders for the week ahead and in January:

Just Think: Teens Making Smart Choices Expo, Tuesday, January 7, 5:00-7:30 p.m.,
Newton North High School - **TOMORROW!**


	<p>TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 (SNOW DATE JAN. 8) 5:00-7:30 p.m. Newton North High School</p> <p>Community resources for teens FREE & fun! Giveaways & refreshments Fitness & science demos Drawing grand prize: AirPods</p> <p>JUST THINK TEENS MAKING SMART CHOICES EXPO</p> <p>FIRST 50 STUDENTS who bring a parent/guardian receive a treat bag</p>
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Teens and adults are invited to the free **Just Think: Teens Making Smart Choices Expo** on **Tuesday, January 7, from 5:00-7:30 p.m., at Newton North High School**, for participative, informative exhibits; live music; free refreshments; and fun. Meet **30 community exhibitors** who help teens navigate life's pressures in order to stay safe and healthy. Get information about everything from **vaping and personal safety** to **healthy eating and body confidence** to **stress reduction and mental health support**. Sponsored by the Newton North PTSO.

This year's expo will include the following fun elements:

- Treat bags for the first 50 students who come with their parent/guardian
- Prize drawing. Grand prize: AirPods
- A capella performances by student groups
- Free henna tattoos
- Cookie decorating
- Boxing activity
- Science demos

Creative Arts and Science Program Coming This Thursday, January 9 for all grades!



Oak Hill Middle School PTO
Creative Arts & Sciences Concert Series
WOMEN IN WORLD JAZZ
A Tribute to Composers Around the World
Thursday, January 9
8:30 AM - 7th, 9:30 AM - 8th, 10:30 AM - 6th

Women In World Jazz is an international ensemble of professional musicians featuring music from around the world. *A Tribute to Composers Around the World* highlights music composed by women artists, past and present. Through their engaging compositions, students learn about a diverse group of pioneering women and their unique cultures. Styles range from Jazz to World/Ethnic. Music from Cuba, Cape Verde, Brazil, Japan, and the Middle East are included.

Please contact your school's PTO for date and time of performances. Parent and student riding attendance is at the discretion of the principal.
CAS programming is funded by your generous contributions to the PTO.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Principal Coffee with Superintendent Dr. Fleishman, School Committee and Oak Hill PTO: Coming **Thursday, January 23** at 8:00am in the Oak Hill library.

During this meeting, Dr. Fleishman and I will share about some of the academic, social-emotional and anti-bias work that we are doing at the school and district level and then the rest of the meeting will be to take your questions and listen to any of your feedback about your children’s experiences in the school. School Committee members will also join us to discuss important system issues and to answer your questions. We hope you can make this meeting. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please [click here](#) if you plan on coming!

6th Grade Social - Coming Friday night, January 24 from 6pm to 8pm.

There's a lot of excitement about this event! The students decided on a theme of a Luau Tropical Party and many are helping to plan the decorations and activities. The social will be exclusively for Oak Hill 6th grade students and will include a movie in the auditorium, open gym, and music/dancing in the cafeteria. We are looking for parent volunteers to help set up, clean up, and assist with the refreshments. **We need parent help!!! If you can help out please sign up here.** E-mail [Tierney Leary \(tierney leary@newton.k12.ma.us\)](mailto:tierney_leary@newton.k12.ma.us) if you have any questions. Thank you.



In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his life's work

We are giving to staff a [link](#) from *The Seattle Times* to a well developed page on MLK's life and achievements. It might be good to look it over and engage your child in conversation about his life's work.

Signs of Suicide Program (S.O.S) - Grade 7 Only:

A special notification to all 7th grade families about the annual Signs of Suicide program will be sent home in hard copy with all 7th grade students tomorrow, January 7. Students will receive the [linked letter](#) in hard copy and will be taking it home tomorrow, January 7. Please return the signed consent form by this Friday, January 10.

Oak Hill Middle School will implement SOS for all 7th graders January 27 and 29. Specifically, Team 7-1 will have the SOS program on January 27 and Team 7-2 on January 29. (Snow dates includes 7-1 (Jan 30) & 7-2 (Feb 5)). **A parent information session for Signs of Suicide will be Thursday, January 16 at 8:00am in the library.** The session will be led by our school psychologist, Dr. Jannon McKenna and our social worker, Ms. Kristen Antonio. [Please click here if you would like to attend.](#) (If you attend the session, you may return the consent form by January 17.)

Signs of Suicide Program

Our school uses SOS Signs of Suicide, a suicide prevention program that educates students about the relationship between suicide and depression. We encourage all students to seek help from trusted adults whether they have concerns about themselves or a friend using the **ACT**® message.

Key Message of SOS: ACT

- **Acknowledge** that you are seeing signs of depression or suicide in yourself or a friend and that it is serious.
- Let your friend know how much you **Care** about them and that you are concerned that they need help.
- **Tell** a trusted adult that you are worried about yourself or a friend.

Oak Hill School Geography Bee:

Our school will continue as a participant in this competition and this year we will run three rounds of the competition over the course of one competitive week. We will share the results of the Bee after our school-wide competition.

Monday, January 27- Classroom-level bees will be conducted in social studies classes by the individual social studies teachers.

Wednesday, January 29- Grade-level bees will be held in the auditorium:
6th grade P4 A Block 8th grade P6 B Block 7th grade P7 C Block

Friday, January 31- The Championship Round will be held in the gym during Community with the whole school in attendance.

A Note of Gratitude:

Thanks also to the many families who baked, bought and brought in cookies and decorated our faculty lounge into a cookie bakery. Your generosity and support are deeply appreciated! It gave everyone in the faculty such a great lift for the vacation!

Thank you for you and your children's support of the school's Can and Coat drive and the December holiday gift drive. The Kindness Ambassadors Club led an entirely student run can and coat drive collection. The school donated boxes and boxes of essential food and personal hygiene items to the Centre Street Food Pantry and 300 coats to Anton's Cleaners to be professionally cleaned and passed out to children and adults in need of a winter coat.

MCAS 2020: Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacation on the test dates.



6th grade:

ELA- April 9, 13 (periods 1-3)
Math- May 12, 13 (periods 1-2)

7th grade:

ELA- April 7, 8 (periods 1-3)
Math- May 18, 19 (periods 1-2)

8th grade:

ELA- April 14, 15 (periods 1-3)
Math- May 7,8 (periods 1-2)
STE- May 14, 15 (periods 1-2)

Save the date: Early Release Day: On Wednesday, February 6, all middle school students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. for system-wide professional development workshops.

After-School Enrichment and Athletics - January Club Offerings:

January 2020
ALL CLUBS BEGIN AT 2:30 AND END AT 4:00
New Clubs in Italics

MONDAYS:

Homework Center	Ms. Vaillancourt, Library
Math Counts	Mr. Bunting, Room 152
Big Y & The Green Beanies	Mr. Butler, Room 206/7

WEDNESDAYS:

Homework Center	Ms. Vaillancourt, Library
Makers Club	Mr. McGraw, Room 206/7
Art Club	Miss Calhoun, Art Room
Beyond Monopoly	Mr. McDaniels, Room 251
Jazz Band	Ms. Kleyensteuber, Band Room

THURSDAYS:

Newspaper	Mrs. Kappel, Room 234
Math Team	Ms Deschaines, Ms. Hsu, Mr. Timmins Room 233
Clay Club	Miss Calhoun, Art Room
<i>Ski And Snowboard</i>	<i>Mr. Westenberg</i>
<i>Pre-registration and fee was required</i>	

FRIDAYS:

Girls Who Code	Ms. Cadigan, Room 232
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