

# LSM HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

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Welcome to December! The year continues to fly by as we enter the midst of the holiday rush. Although we have already seen a little snow, hopefully we can make it through the next four weeks without missing any days of school.

The winter sports season has started and the LSM Holiday Concert is coming up on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Many of our seniors are wrapping up the college application process, and believe it or not, the acceptances have already started rolling in.

This is always a tough time of year for students to focus on academics, but interim reports come out December 7<sup>th</sup> and January exams are slowly coming into view. This is the time of year for everyone to work on balancing both obligations and the spirit of the season.

We will do our best here at LSM to offer support and direction during this busy time.

Chris Rau

Principal

Here are some important dates to keep in mind over the next couple weeks. Do not hesitate to contact the school at 860-673-0423 if you have any questions or need more information.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Interim reports issued

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Concert – 7:30 pm – LSM Auditorium

## Some Details for You

**Cheerleading** – A huge thanks to Ms. Lindsey Small and her cheerleaders! They did an outstanding job supporting our football team

all fall. Please read the season summary from Ms. Small in the athletic portion of this newsletter.

**Toy Drive!!** – The annual Region 10 Toy Drive is back! It runs from November 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup>. New, unwrapped toys can be brought to the main office of any of the Region 10 schools. Donations can also be made in the form of a cash or check payable to LSM. Our goal for this year is 2016 toys!

**Holiday Concert** – On Friday, December 9, 2016 the Lewis S. Mills Music Department will be sponsoring its annual Holiday Concert. The performance will take place in the Lewis S. Mills Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and there is no admission charge. The performance will feature musical selections by the Symphonic Band, Flute Trio, Saxophone Quartet and Wind Ensemble. The Lewis S. Mills Band Boosters will be sponsoring a reception immediately following the performance in the auditorium lobby.

**Twitter** – As I mentioned in the last few newsletters, I have joined Twitter! Please follow me @LSMPrincipal for pictures and commentary on everything happening at LSM.

**Make a Mark** – The Region 10 Make A Mark Enrichment Fund is an endowed fund that provides funding for enriching educational opportunities not normally financed by the Region 10 Board of Education. Grants for innovative educational ideas are distributed to Region 10 teachers each August.

As the holidays approach, please consider honoring a favorite teacher or staff member by making a tax-deductible donation to the Region 10 Make A Mark Enrichment Fund. Donations can be sent to Make a Mark at PO Box 1444, Burlington, CT 06013. Include a note indicating the name of the teacher or staff member you'd like to honor along with the name of the student/family. For more information, please contact Stefanie Cowger, Secretary of Make A Mark, at [cowgers@region10ct.org](mailto:cowgers@region10ct.org). Thank you!

**Youth Forum** - COMING ON JANUARY 24: The CT Youth Forum will meet at the Metropolitan Learning Center in Bloomfield from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. The topic will be: Competition VS Unity, Group effort vs Individual success. Mills students are encouraged to attend, share their views, and make some new friends! Snacks and transportation provided. Interested students can see Ms. Grindal-Keller or Ms. Coville.

**International Food** – The World Cultures Club enjoyed desserts from Around the World including crepes from La Petite France Bakery. Their next celebration will be dumpling-making, Chinese calligraphy, and paper-lantern making on 1/23/16 from 2:00-4:00 to celebrate Chinese New Year. It's not too late to join the club. See Mrs. Chung or Mrs. Tenney to join.

### The Scheduled Rotation of Days for the next two weeks:

12/5 – Day 5

12/6 – Day 1

12/7 – Day 2

12/8 – Day 3

12/9 – Day 4

12/12 – Day 5

12/13 – Day 1

12/14 – Day 2

12/15 – Day 3

12/16 – Day 4

## Athletic Events

**Fall Cheerleading Summary by Ms. Small:** As the 2016 fall cheer season has come to a close I would like to take a moment to congratulate and acknowledge the ladies for a fine season. The season started with a core group of 7 dedicated young ladies and grew to a squad of 13. The "vet" girls took on the "rookie" girls with stride, teaching them old cheers while also creating new ones as well as coming up with an original choreographed dance to take us into the winter cheer season. Once the season got rolling the ladies committed to home and away games in order to support our football team. While new bonds and relationships were created we are excited to move into the winter season to continue to support our basketball team. This group strives to promote a positive, happy environment for all we encounter. As their supervisor I look forward to continuing to support them in their endeavors. A big thank you to Kendall Burke for her work on apparel ordering and fundraising. Also, I would like to recognize the seniors, Erica Vecchio and Sophia Hernandez.

Here is a look at what is coming up over the next two weeks for our **varsity** teams. The winter season has just started, but a few things are already scheduled:

12/13 – Girls Basketball – Home – Northwestern – 7:00

12/16 – Girls Basketball – Home – Shepaug – 7:00

Contact Information – Have questions for us? Here are some quick contacts. Information for all teachers and staff is available on the Region 10 website: [region10ct.org](http://region10ct.org).

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