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*Principal's Newsletter*  
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**SPECIAL DATES**

**November 19**  
Early Release Day  
11:05 a.m.  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
12:30-3:00  
6:00-8:00

PTO Fundraiser  
Oriental Gardens

**November 25**  
Thanksgiving  
Recess Begins  
Early Release  
11:05 a.m.  
No Lunch Served

**November 30**  
*School Reopens*

**December 1**  
PTO Fundraiser  
Papa Gino's  
River Street

**December 14**  
PTO Fundraiser  
UNO Chicago Grill

**December 17**  
Guitar & Chorus  
Concert  
7:00 p.m.

**December 23**  
Winter Recess  
Early Recess Day  
11:05 a.m.

**December 24-31**  
Winter Recess-  
NO SCHOOL

**January 4**  
School Reopens

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first quarter of the school year has passed. By this time, your child should be adjusted to school and informed about school policy, rules, and expectations. I feel that this year has been very successful for most students. All public schools have some issues, but they should not dominate the school culture.

As you know, higher student achievement is our top priority. We did have a 4% increase in mathematics last year, but we **still need to improve** in both ELA and mathematics. I cannot stress enough the importance of your involvement in your child's education. Research has shown over and over that strong parent involvement has a significant impact on a child's academic success. In an effort to help you, we will be offering some workshops over the course of the year. If you have any suggestions for topics that you would like to be presented, please email me. Let's all work together to make your child's experience and education at the Consentino School the best ever! Please call or email me, because as I have said so many times, your feedback is needed and truly appreciated.

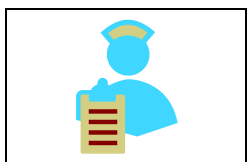
Please feel free to visit your child's classroom at anytime. We ask that you call ahead to schedule your visit. In addition, we are always looking for volunteers, so please let us or the PTO know if you are available. I am still looking for a partner to help with the painting of our cafeteria. If anyone has a painting company and could help us out, it would be greatly appreciated, especially by your children who eat in there every day.

A few housekeeping issues... when your child is absent, it is their responsibility to make up missed work. Missing assignments need to be turned in a timely manner. With the exception of absences, work that is turned in late may lose some credit. Please check your child's agenda daily and make sure your child is completing assignments, projects, and homework. On the sports front, final tryouts for basketball end this week. Students who make the team will be notified on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all of the students.

I want to wish all of the Consentino families a wonderful Thanksgiving. It is the time of year for all of us to outwardly express our concern for others. If you know of a family in need this holiday season, please contact me.

I would like to thank you, your children, and the Consentino staff for all that is done by all of you to make Consentino a great school.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!  
Mary Malone, Principal



**FROM THE NURSE**

Now, **MORE THAN EVER**, I need your help with your children.

Please keep them home when they have a temperature or are vomiting. Please provide cough drops and a working phone number just in case the school needs to contact you.

To maintain good health: Extra sleep, breakfast, & warm clothes. Thank you and happy holidays!

**Congratulations**  
**To Those Consentino**  
**Chargers Who Earned High**  
**Honors and Honors**

**Honors Assemblies will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the times indicated below:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:45**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:15**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:45**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade 10:15**

**Mile and Shuttle Run Results**

Grade	Name	Time
8	Theresa Ross	7:36
8	Austin Perry	5:35
7	Brianna Comtois	7:57
7	Eric Gamez	5:30
6	Elizabeth Duchemin	7:05
6	Sean Bellemore	6:52
5	Jenna Solimine	6:43
5	Jariel Hernandez	6:15

November's Citizens of the Month!

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Samantha Savoy  
Andrew Cummings
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Aubrie Campbell  
William Mazurenko
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Lysette Diaz  
Robert Sweeney
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Jordan Langlois  
Zachary Kimball

The above students modeled the Consentino Code of Conduct each and every day. Each student is awarded a Consentino lanyard, the honor of being first in line for lunch each day during the month of November, and they also receive a pizza gift certificate to Romano's.

**Our chorus is meeting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Save the date! Guitar and choral concert is Scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.**



***What is My Child Learning in School?***

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Mrs. Surette's fifth grade math students are enjoying their investigation of fractions. They continue to need practice on their multiplication facts, so please practice with them at home. In social studies, the students have just wrapped up their time line investigations and are now studying the period of exploration which will take them to Europe and ASIA. Students in Reading and Language arts classes are enjoying their Trophies Unit 2 Theme on *Teamwork*. Their teachers are very proud of them!

The fifth grade would like to thanks those parents who donated bake goods for our bake sales. They were a huge success thanks to their efforts. The fifth grade would also like to remind parents that a December 18th field trip slip will soon be on its way. The fifth grade will be traveling to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, NH. Teachers would also like to stress to parents, to please make sure students come to school prepared for the winter weather (coat, gloves, hat, and scarf). It is always best to be layered and have a sweater or sweatshirt to keep in their locker for colder days.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ms. Hoffman's reading/LA classes are reading Tuck Everlasting and will be working on different projects throughout the novel. The students are reading historical fiction books at home and will be making a diorama or hanging mobile referencing these genre pieces. Mrs. McKee's two reading classes just finished reading their "classics". The Red Sox Group is now reading mysteries, and the Bruins Group is reading biographies.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> the students in the two Social Studies classes chose the names of countries to make a "Travel Log". The children will have fun completing that particular country's detail sheet that Mrs. McKee will provide.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** You created this!!! Students are investigating... Heredity!!!! What are the dominant and recessive traits that parents have passed on to their offspring that we get to see everyday!! We will be taking a class survey to notice the frequency of certain physical characteristics and chart our results. This activity is on page 82 of your child's Science book. We will be making the connection of probability and genetics by constructing Punnett Squares, translating the DNA code and the effects of mutations. No children will be harmed during our experiments!



# GUIDANCE NEWS

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

This is a very busy month for our eighth graders. With report cards being issued, applications to private schools can now be processed. If you child is applying to a private school, please have them turn their application into Mr. McCann in guidance to be completed.

Over the next few weeks, we will be either be touring or having high school representatives visit our school. If you do not want your child to participate in the tour please call Mr. McCann @ 978-374-5775. We are scheduled to visit Whittier Vocational High School the morning of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are being offered a class trip to Washington D.C. from June 1<sup>st</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this four day bus trip to Washington is \$600. A tentative itinerary is available in guidance for your perusal.

The first major fundraiser for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to offset the cost of the trip is our annual calendar sale. We are selling them in conjunction with our sixth grade students and sales have been brisk. Students will receive credit for each calendar sold (\$5). If you have not received calendars or information about the trip please do not hesitate to contact Mr. McCann @978-374-5775 or e-mail at [bmccann@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:bmccann@haverhill-ps.org).

Thanks and have a great holiday season,

Mr. McCann



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Living to Learn”*

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School Cancellations  
Delayed Openings:

**RADIO:**  
**WBZ 1030 AM,**  
**WRKO 680 AM**

**TV- Channels:**  
**4, 5, 7, & 10**

## Academic Bowl

The Consentino/Silver Hill Grade 5 & 6 Academic Bowl team will begin practices the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Practice will be every Tuesday morning from 7:45 to 8:45 A.M. in room 300 at Silver Hill School. Any student wishing for an additional practice can join Mrs. Surette in room 2 on Tuesday afternoons from 2:45 to 3:45 P.M.

The 7th and 8th grade Senior Academic Bowl team will be forming shortly. Mr. Parolisi is now combing through the honor roll and high honor roll lists and cross-referencing them with teacher recommendations.

Invitations to qualified students will be forthcoming, and tryouts/practices will take place following the Thanksgiving break. Academic bowl meets begin in January after the winter break.

