



DECEMBER OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Mason Central Elementary School

December 2024



STUDENT TARDIES

School begins at **8:10 a.m.** and all students **must** be in their classroom by that time. Teachers mark attendance first thing in the morning. If your child arrives between **8:10 a.m. and 8:50 a.m.** they are considered **tardy**, if your child **arrives after 8:50 a.m. they will be marked as ½ day a.m. absence. A written note is needed for sign in/sign outs as well.** These procedures are mandated by the State of Michigan, and we must follow them. **DOORS WILL BE CLOSED AND LOCKED AT 8:10 a.m. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF.** A parent **MUST** come into the building and sign their student(s) in at the office if they arrive at 8:10 a.m. or later.

COLD WEATHER

Please send your child(ren) to school with clothing appropriate for the season. Coats, hats, gloves, and boots will be needed as the temperature drops. Our Central students walk to special area classes outside (4th and 5th grade students) and all students have 15 minutes of outdoor recess every day. Please remember to bundle them up! If there is a wind chill advisory or the temperature is 15 degrees or lower, the students will **NOT** go outside. Please keep in mind – if the temperature is 16 degrees or higher – they will be outside for recess.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS & DELAYS

Instant alerts will be sent regarding closings and delays. Parents/Guardians please log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and check that all contact information is correct and up to date to ensure you receive these important messages.

FOOD SERVICES

We would like to remind all parents, breakfast will **not** be served on 2-hour delays.

CAMP STORER – 5TH GRADE

There will be a Camp Storer meeting for all 5th grade parents scheduled soon. Please plan to attend for important information. Our 5th graders will be at camp **February 19th – February 21st.**

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Santa Claus is coming to Erie, **Saturday, December 14th.** Parade starts at 11am from St. Joseph School and ends at the Erie VFW. Join Santa after the parade at the VFW for lunch. Children 12 and under receive a gift from Santa.

MUSIC HAPPENINGS

- The Erie Mason Music Program presents their 3rd Annual Madrigal Dinner. There will be two shows this year: **Saturday, December 14th 6:00-8:00pm** and **Sunday, December 15th 2:00-4:00pm** in the High School Cafetorium. Tickets are \$25 per a person and can be purchased through <https://2024masonmadrigal.bpt.me>. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- The Music Boosters are hosting a Craft Market at the High School on **Saturday, December 14th,** from 12:00-6:00pm. More than 50 vendors are signed up. Students from many grade levels will be providing entertainment and refreshments all day long. Mark your calendars for this spectacular free event.
- 5th Grade Choir will be caroling on **Friday, December 6th** at Lutheran Home.
- If you have any questions regarding these events, please contact Mrs. Swaile at swaile@eriamason.k12.mi.us

REPORT CARDS

1st Trimester report cards will be sent home **December 4th.** Please sign and return report card envelope.

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STUDENT COUNCIL

- Student Council will be sponsoring a Holiday Canned Food Drive. The last day to donate items is **December 13th**. The canned food items will be donated to the Erie Food Bank. The grade level with the most canned goods donated will receive a prize.
- Student Council members will be volunteering as Salvation Army Bell Ringers **Saturday, December 14th** at Cabela's in Dundee from 10:00am-12:00pm.
- Students can purchase .25 cent pencils from the pencil machine outside of Mrs. Hennessey's office.
- Student Council is hosting a Christmas Spirit Week **December 16th – December 20th**.
 - Monday** – Twas the Night Before Christmas Day (Christmas PJ)
 - Tuesday** – Candy Cane & Holiday Hat Day (Wear red/white with your favorite holiday hat)
 - Wednesday** – Wacky Day (Ugly Sweater/Hat/Shirt)
 - Thursday** – Grinch Day (Dress like your favorite Grinch character)
 - Friday** – Ho Ho Ho Day (Dress like an Elf or Santa)

PTA NEWS

- The PTA Christmas Event is **Sunday, December 8th, 3-5pm** in the elementary gym. The event is Ugly Sweater themed and will have a special appearance from The Grinch. This event is \$5 per child and includes cookie decorating, juice, and a craft. See the flyer that was sent home for more information.
- Five Below Shop to Donate will be **December 9th thru December 15th**. (Monroe Location Only) Must present flyer at checkout.
- The next PTA meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 12th**, at **4:00 p.m.** (Central Elementary)
- Santa Shop will run **Monday, December 16th to Thursday, December 19th**. All grades participate! More information to come soon.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy holiday season! **Our Holiday Break begins Monday, December 23rd. Classes resume on Monday, January 6th.**

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Holidays!