

**WHITE OAK**

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A Monthly Newsletter for the White Oak School Community

**December 2011**

## **WHITE OAK SOCCER TEAM WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!**

Last year the White Oak Athletic program became part of the River Valley Athletic League, which includes nine teams from Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. At the end of the season the league gives out two championship trophies and a trophy that recognizes the team who portrayed good team sportsmanship over the course of the season. This year the White Oak soccer team was the recipient of the 2011 Sportsmanship trophy. We are very proud of the kids who worked hard all season. Even with a record that was not the best, these kids never gave up. They always had a great attitude no matter how many goals they were down by during any given game. The 2011 White Oak soccer team should be very proud of their accomplishments this season.

Congratulations!!!!

Coach Daley and Coach Marshall



# CLASS NEWS!

## Middle School News

*Advisors: Mr. Marshall & Mr. McGovern*

Thank you to everyone who participated in our See's Candy fundraiser!  
See Mr. Marshall for other class news.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade News

*Advisors: Ms. Luff & Mrs. O'Connor*

The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade class has scheduled a visit to the local animal shelter for the next class meeting. In conjunction with the field trip we are collecting supplies for the shelter. The shelter would like used stuffed animals, too- dogs really like to play with them! The list is included at the end of this newsletter and there will be a collection box in the cafeteria. Also, the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class is still collecting returnables to add money to our class funds for future trips.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade News

*Advisors: Mr. Schindel & Mrs. Carey*

It is hard to believe Thanksgiving has come and gone and that the December holiday season is upon us. The tenth grade is finishing up their final sales push for the classes' Hillside Pizza fundraiser. As a reminder, the order forms are due on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> giving us plenty of time to place the orders so families can receive their delicious pizza before winter break. Hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season!

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade News

*Advisor: Mrs. Gibson*

Believe it or not the time to plan a senior class trip is already here. The class of 2013 has tentatively chosen a California coastline trip to take place in April of 2013. Keep an eye out in the mail for an invitation to a parent information meeting to be held in January. At this meeting we will discuss the trip and possible fundraising ideas. Hopefully everyone had a fabulous Thanksgiving and is prepared for the upcoming holiday season. As you go out to do some holiday shopping please think about purchasing a winter item such as a hat, scarf, or a pair of mittens or gloves to help an adult or child in need during the cold months ahead. The junior class will collect these items throughout the month of January. We will then bring the collect items to a local shelter who will hand the items out to those in need. Happy Holidays!



## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade News

*Advisors: Mrs. Sherry & Mrs. Dombrowski*

The school year is moving forward, I can't believe it is December already. As a senior class fundraiser, we are sponsoring a bus tip to NYC on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. There are still a few seats available, so consider joining us. The cost is \$45 per person. On the evening of December 15<sup>th</sup> seniors will be sharing a meal and their secret Santa gifts at Osaka's in Northampton. Before heading out, seniors will be dropping off toys and gifts to Jesse's House. Don't forget to donate an unwrapped gift to the children at Jesse's House. Lastly, our February Senior Raffle is only a few months away, so please begin thinking of items to donate. You can bring in your items at any time.

Also a BIG thank you to all the students, families and teachers that came to eat and support the senior class at our "On The Border" fundraiser. We made \$450.00!!!!

## **STUDENT NEWS**

### **Helping Hands:**

Dear White Oak Community, Helping Hands is working with the senior class to collect unwrapped toys for Jessie's House. We are looking for unwrapped toys for infants and children. The donations will be collected up until December 15th. Thank you so very much! Happy Holidays to all!



### **Girls' Club Sleepover:**

By Vikkie Vreeland

On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Girl's Club had their first sleepover party. Kate, Liz, Clara and I all had lots of fun. We began the night by playing *Just Dance 2* on the Wii. Then we had pizza, soda, and dessert. It was a night filled with junk food! After dinner some of us played manhunt and hide-and-go seek while others played board games. When it was time for bed we all got in our pj's and we watched *Bride Wars* and *Beauty and the Beast*. There was also a game of Truth or Dare but, "What happens in girls club stays in girls club". The next morning we had Dunkin Donuts for breakfast before our parents arrived to pick us up. Overall, we had a spectacular time and can't wait till December's activity, which will be dinner and Bright Nights!



## **MAX'S MOVIE REVIEWS**



\*Each month, 11<sup>th</sup> grader Max Cardillo will provide a review of the latest box office blockbusters and busts!

### **Jack and Jill Movie Review**

If you are looking for a really bad movie to go see this weekend then Jack and Jill is right up your alley. I went to see it with a friend and let me just say this, it was one of the worst movies I've ever seen. I mean come on, Adam Sandler should stop selling out a make a funny movie for the first time in like 15 years. Anyway, the movie was kind of funny, so let me tell you about the plot. Jack works in LA but during the holiday season his twin sister comes to town and Jack does not like that at all. In fact, he hates her so much he even goes as far as trying to get her into a hotel for the week that she is in town. After that comes a lot of bad jokes and one liners that fall flat. Now let me tell you about some other movies that you can see instead. The Muppets came out last week and is a big hit worldwide. So in the end wait till the video or when Jack and Jill comes on HBO or TBS.

## **White Oak Begins Basketball Season with High Hopes**



The White Oak School basketball team started practicing for their 2011- 2012 season. The team has five returning players from last year's team and six new additions. "Coach Daley and I are excited about the potential of this team. We have five returning players who know the system and will continue to improve. With the addition of the six new players, we are excited to see what skills they will bring to our team," said Coach Schindel. The team has been working on conditioning and team camaraderie during the first week of practice. The team hopes to have a fun and a successful season. Come and support White Oak on their first home game on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.



- Make sure you check the White Oak School web site for the latest news! This includes up-coming college field trip information from the Career Counseling office, the updated sports schedules, the lunch menu, and inclement weather information! Go to [www.whiteoakschool.org](http://www.whiteoakschool.org)!
- Don't forget to collect Box Tops For Education! Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to see the complete list of products that have box tops on the packaging. Clip box tops and earn cash for our school! Submit Box Tops to Mrs. Lynch!



**\* FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH WILL BE A DRESS DOWN DAY TO BENEFIT THE DRAMA GROUP. FOR A \$2 DONATION, STUDENTS MAY WEAR JEANS, SNEAKERS, AND AN APPROPRIATE T-SHIRT. NO HOODIES, SWEATPANTS, OR RIPPED JEANS. DRESS DOWN DAYS ARE OPTIONAL.**



*The White Oak Players*

Present

**The WIZARD OF OZ**

February 10 – 12, 2012

Friday – Sunday 7:30 p.m.

**Advanced Ticket Sale Prices**

Reserved 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Row Center seats \$12.00

Adult general seating \$8.00

Student general seating \$6.00

**Tickets prices at the door**

**ALL SEATS \$10.00**

**Advanced Tickets**

**Circle**    Friday    Saturday    Sunday

Reserved Center Seat tickets # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 total \_\_\_\_\_

General seats # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student seats # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to White Oak School**

## Collections Recap

- \* The Senior Class is collecting new, unwrapped toys and clothing for Jesse's House in Amherst- infant through teenagers.
- \* The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade is collecting items for the Westfield Animal Shelter – see attached list.
- \* The 9<sup>th</sup> grade is also collecting returnable cans and bottles.
- \* The Junior Class is collecting winter scarves, hats, gloves & mittens through January to donate to a local shelter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

