

We have just two weeks left with your Scholars before Winter Break, and the second quarter is well underway! The semester ends at the conclusion of January, at which time report cards will be mailed home for final semester and second quarter grades.

This week, we had our Sparrow Project Assembly (which had been postponed), and our Drama Club and our Band and Choir Musicians are gearing up for their Winter Play and their Winter Concert. We are excited to be able to resume these in-person performances again, and we look forward to having families and community members join us to see

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We are looking for PPS-approved volunteers to help run clubs with Students during Advisory period on Fridays. If you

Families are now able to record future absences for their Students directly in ParentVUE without needing to contact the Main Office. Please remember, if a student is going to miss multiple days, it is up to the Student and/or Parent/Guardian to communicate absences with each teacher and make a plan for missing work and assignments.

If your Student is going to be Absent for a \_\_\_\_\_

Log in to the ParentVUE website or download and open the phone application. In either case, look for the 'Report Absence' button to the right of your Student's photograph. Select start date, end date, and a reason from the drop-down list. Remember to click SAVE, and you should receive a popup confirmation.

If your Student is Absent for a \_\_\_\_\_:

Send an email to [westsylvanoffice@pps.net](mailto:westsylvanoffice@pps.net) with the date, times, and reason.

No internet access? Call West Sylvan's main line at 503-916-5690 and select the Attendance option.

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[yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com), and enter code \_\_\_\_\_. All sales of the yearbook will be \_\_\_\_\_ directly through an outside company and will not be available for purchase through the school at the end of the school year. Don't miss your chance to get this keepsake for your scholar!

If anyone is looking for a fun family activity this holiday season, the \_\_\_\_\_ will be performing Peter Pan - the Musical Panto at the Alberta Abbey theater between December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

If Scholars receive bus referrals and are creating an unsafe environment on the bus, they may be suspended from riding the school bus. Families would have to transport Scholars if bus rules cannot be respected. While we want everyone to have a transportation option to school, the ride experience must be safe for all. Families are being contacted if bus safety is compromised to discuss next steps for their individual Scholars. There are video cameras on each bus, and we request videos to investigate misbehavior so that Scholars and Families can be involved in correcting the issues.

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### *8th Grade Families Interested in Benson High School?*

- We will be accepting applications for Benson from Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Students only have to complete one on-line application. The online application will be on the Enrollment website: <https://www.pps.net/schoolchoice>. Students are usually informed of acceptance by the end of January/beginning of February. We will have an in person and online forecasting nights about mid February for students who have been accepted.

We continue referring scholars to Counseling and mental health providers when needs are identified. [The SafeOregon](#) reporting site is another way to report concerns so that they are investigated.

We have a very small supply of extra Chromebooks to loan out for individual class periods when our Scholars forget their devices at home. We currently have a lot of Chromebooks out for repair, and prioritize those students' need for loaners. Please remind your scholar to bring their charged device to school each day.

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