

Crossgates Courier

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Student of the Month

As a way to encourage positive student behavior, we have a program we call the "Student of the Month". One student per class is selected each month by their teacher using the following criteria: **1) Student cannot be tardy nor have an unexcused absence during the previous month. 2) Student must be current with all assignments given by his/her teacher. 3) Student must respect the rights of others. (Treats others nicely.) 4) Student must show good manners. 5) Student cannot have visited the office for behavior during the previous month. 6) Student cannot have any detentions during the previous month. 7) Student cannot have any uniform violations during the previous month. 8) Student cannot be chosen more than once a year.** Students selected for this award will be invited to a breakfast and have their picture and a short "bio" displayed at school. The following students are the January, 2010, recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Brayden Lata**, Mrs. Smitley's Kindergarten- **De'Laciana Martinez**, Ms. Gallagher's Kindergarten- **Sam Marx**, Mrs. Eding's 1st Grade- **Jacob Gray**, Ms. Dean's 1st Grade- **Blaze Rayman**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Francisco Estrada**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Caden Brookshier**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade- **Robyn Cannon**, Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **James Metzger**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Daniel Zhuang**, Mrs. Replogle's 4th Grade- **Makenzie Price**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Kaliegh Hummer**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Emma Hansen**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Malik Spears**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Tylan Crowley**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Destyni Pitney**, Mrs. Sherman's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Michaela Disher**, Ms. Forbes' 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Alex Sauerwein**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!

The last day of the second quarter is Thursday, January 14, 2010. Grade cards will be sent home on Monday, January 25, 2010.

Please make sure you sign the grade card envelope and return it to school as soon as possible. The copy of the grade card is yours to keep.

NOTE: Friday, January 15, 2010, is Teacher Work Day. Students DO NOT HAVE SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.

Attendance Watch

NUMBER OF STUDENT TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER- 217

NUMBER OF STUDENT ABSENCE DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER- 131

Dress Code- The following are some reminders about the TPS Uniform Dress Code. **1)** With the onset of cold weather, the school building is chilly some days. This usually requires students to wear sweaters during the day. The following is the section of the Dress Code covering sweaters. "Sweaters - Cardigans, Pullovers or Vests are allowed; Navy or White- No other colors, insignias or logos. " **SWEATSHIRTS ARE NOT ALLOWED UNLESS THEY ARE CROSSGATES SPIRIT WEAR SWEATSHIRTS.** **2)** Boots are obviously allowed, and actually encouraged, to be worn to school on snowy days. All we ask is

that students bring shoes with them that they can change into when they get to class. **BOOTS SHOULD NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL ALL DAY.** **3)** Belts are required for all skirts, slacks, shorts, or skorts with belt loops. Colors allowed are black, navy, light or dark brown. No other colors, insignias or logos on belts.

Parents' Club News

Box Top News & Volunteers

The Winter Break caused a delay in compiling information about Box Top collections and volunteer hours. We apologize for their omission in this month's Courier. A combined December and January list will be published in the February edition of the Courier.

Parents' Club Meeting

The next Parents' Club meeting will be Thursday January 7th at 7:00 PM in the library.

Blanket Collection

The Parents Club would like to thank all of the wonderful families at Crossgates who donated blankets for Toledo's less fortunate. We were able to distribute the blankets directly to the many deserving people of Toledo who also send their thanks to all of the students and families of Crossgates. This was a wonderful opportunity to teach our children about helping others and everyone did a fantastic job. Thank you!

Market Day

Wed., Jan 20th - Market Day order forms due in the office.

Thurs., Jan 21st - Online Market day orders due by 11:00 PM.

Wed. Jan. 27th - Market Day Pickup, 5:30

Kindergarten 2010-2011

If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten at Crossgates next fall, or if you have a neighbor or friend who does, contact our office at 419-385-4571, and provide us with your name, address and phone number. We will add your information to our mailing list so you will receive a postcard informing you about our Spring Registration Days.

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS - Update

You may recall the following article from the November *Courier* about a former Crossgates student. (Hannah is the daughter of current Crossgates Parents' Club Treasurer, Sarah Metzger.)

HANNAH WAGNER- She is now a freshman in high school where she is earning straight A's. She has her black belt in karate, which she earned while she was in 6th grade at Crossgates. She'll be getting her second degree black belt this December. She teaches a weapons class at her karate school and assistant teaches some of the other classes as well. She left for Ireland on Thursday, October 29th, where she'll compete in the World Karate and Kickboxing Championship. Only 2 competitors from Ohio are going. There will be between 50 and 100 competitors from the U.S., as well as competitors from 42 other countries. Congratulations to Hannah and best of luck in Ireland!

Well, here is an update about Hannah.

Hannah returned home from Ireland a champion! She won the Gold medal in Korean forms in the World Kickboxing/Karate Championship in Dublin, Ireland last month. She also just tested for her 2nd degree Black Belt (also called 2nd Dan) and passed. As part of that grueling 5 hour test, she broke a stack of five inch-thick boards with her bare hand. Brother, and Crossgates 3rd grader, James Metzger is very proud, and a little scared, of his big sis!

CUB SCOUT SCOOP

Pack 203 has been hard at work. For the holidays, they made thanksgiving placemats and Christmas cards to brighten the spirits of those needing assistance from the Good Samaritan. The kids had a great time while learning the importance of giving; especially to those who may not have many people in their lives to share in the joy the holidays bring. Good Samaritan was very thankful for the gifts.

In Tiger News...The Tigers are learning how to be organized. Keeping track of where things are and learning that everything has a place. They made bags this month to keep their scout stuff together that they bring to every meeting, so they are prepared and ready to go when the meeting starts.

In Wolves News...The Wolves are hard at work getting their accomplishments finished to advance and earn their wolves badge.

In Bear News...The Bears had a great December meeting. They completed another achievement by writing down and sharing with the group what makes America special to them. During the next week they were going to show good citizenship by telling others they did a good job. They made ornaments, snowman pins and snowman bells. Everyone is looking forward to the Pinewood Derby.

In Webelos News...The Webelos are on their way to advancing and earning their Webelos badge. In January they will be working on their communicator and craftsman badge. The Webelos will be having 3 meetings this month to make up for one of their meetings they missed in December due to the holiday.

As a Pack, the boys are very excited about the upcoming Pinewood Derby. Some important dates to remember...January 9th The Andersons in Maumee is having the Derby Car Cut from 9am-4pm. Make sure to take your car and know what shape you want your car cut. The trial run will be January 22nd at 6pm in the Gym. This will be very short. We want to do a trial run to make sure the cars are ready for the track. The Pinewood Derby will be held January 29th. Please be at the school at 6pm for check-in. Please remember to bring a dish to share. Something simple like chips, cookies, veggies, etc. The Derby starts at 6:30pm. Due to the many days planned for the Pinewood Derby and preparation, we will not have an actual pack meeting this month.

Parents, please encourage the boys to **DO THEIR BEST** when creating their derby cars. We want them to feel a sense of accomplishment when they see their hard work racing down the track.