Commerce Connection
News and Information for our Commerce Community
December 13, 2019

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<td>Tuesday, December 17th</td>
<td>11:30am - 5th Grade Intro to Instruments Assembly</td>
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<td>PTA Reflections Celebration - 6:00pm - Media Center</td>
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<td>Last Day of School before Winter Break</td>
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<td>Monday, January 6th</td>
<td>School Resumes</td>
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<td>Ski and Snowboard Club Begins - Alpine Valley (See Below)</td>
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<td>Board of Education Meeting - Teacher of the Year Recognition - 7:00pm</td>
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
WISHING ALL OUR COMMERCE FAMILIES A WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Important Reminder:
We have several children at Commerce who are vulnerable to contagious illnesses. These brave Cougars are fighting leukemia or Spinal Muscular Atrophy. We can help them stay healthy in a few simple ways...

- Talk with your child about the importance of proper hand washing.
- Teach your child to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze (and wash their hands).
- Notify the Main Office immediately if your child has a contagious illness like chicken pox, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza (the flu), and more.
- Most importantly, have your child stay home from school if they are sick.

Together we can show that Commerce cares about these brave Cougars. On behalf of these special families and their medical teams, I thank you for your support and compassion.

Please Note:
Due to Winter Break, there will be no newsletter next weekend. The Commerce Connection will resume in 2020! See you next year!
A Warm Welcome

We are excited to share that Tonya Gray will be joining our school family as our new building secretary. We were fortunate to have a strong pool of candidates and Tonya’s empathetic heart and positive energy was evident throughout each round of interviews. Her reference checks were also glowing! Her official first day will be on January 6th. As Tonya gets to know our community, she will be checking IDs and need your patience until she gets familiar with everyone. Thank you for understanding. Please join me in giving Tonya a warm welcome!

PTA President’s Corner

- Thank you to all of the students, parents, and staff who helped make our Winter Book Fair a great success! Thank you especially to our chairs and book fair committee for all of your time spent decorating, setting up, working, helping, tearing down, and all together just being awesome! Look for our next Book Fair in the Spring!
- Thank you to Jillian Moutafis for organizing dinner for our teachers during conferences! Our teachers have a very long day of meeting with parents on conference day and dinner is our little way of showing them we care!
- The PTA would like to send a special congratulations and a heartfelt goodbye to Kathy Williams as she begins her retirement! We know we speak for all families at Commerce when we say you will be missed by students and parents alike!
- On behalf of the PTA Board, I would like to wish all of our Commerce families and staff a very happy and healthy New Year! We'll see you in January at our PTA meeting on the 15th and our Membership Event on the 31st!

Chance to win BIG & support WL classrooms!

15th Annual Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle

Purchase your Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle tickets today! Raffle's proceeds are channeled into Walled Lake Schools’ classrooms through Foundation's annual mini-grant program (see list of grant awards per school).

Tickets are $50 each or 3 for $100. The grand prize winner will receive scholarship funds for postsecondary education (40% lump sum option available). Plus, there’s an opportunity to win a second place prize - a HP Sprocket 200 Bundle Media printer donated by the FFE. Grand Prize drawing is March 30, 2020 at District’s Reflections Celebration; need not be present to win.

Visit the FFE’s TE raffle website for details or contact the Foundation for more information and to purchase tickets with check or credit card: 248-956-2116 or email michellebianco@wlcisd.org. MI Raffle License# R55190

Attention 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders...

Annual Spelling Bees POSTPONED

Please note that our annual Spelling Bees for grades 3-5 have been postponed until after Winter Break. Dates TBD. You will receive spelling lists very soon! Participation is optional.
Winter Weather Reminders

Please note that our children go outside for recess unless the temperature, including the wind chill, is zero degrees or below. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

Coats/Jackets: 40-50 degrees - Recommended; 39 degrees and below – Required
Hats/Gloves/Mittens: 40-50 degrees - Recommended; 39 degrees and below – Required
Boots and Snow Pants: REQUIRED if there is slush or snow (or mud)

Please Note:
- If your family needs financial assistance purchasing these items, please just let the Main Office know. We are happy to help!
- Please label all clothing with your child’s name. Our Lost and Found is overflowing!

Commerce Elementary Contact Information

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<th>Main Office: 248-956-3900</th>
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<td>Absences: 248-956-3990</td>
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<td>Kathy Williams, Secretary <a href="mailto:kathywilliams@wlcsd.org">kathywilliams@wlcsd.org</a></td>
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<td>Denise Kaczmarek, Secretary <a href="mailto:denisekaczmarek@wlcsd.org">denisekaczmarek@wlcsd.org</a></td>
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Important Links and Resources:

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For 55 years, Commerce Little League has continued a proud tradition of providing organized baseball for Wallen Lake Consolidated Schools / Huron Valley Schools area children. All games are played in Commerce Township at Maple Glen Park on some of the best fields in Michigan.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS 12/1/2019**
(Early Bird Registration last through 1/15/2020)
TEAM DIVISIONS FOLLOW LITTLE LEAGUE AGE CHART
- T Ball (Birthday 9/1/14-8/31/15) Early Bird Fee: $100
- Coach Pitch (Birthday 9/1/13-8/31/15) Early Bird Fee: $100
- Minors “A” (Birthday 9/1/12-8/31/13) Early Bird Fee: $115
- Minors “AA” (Birthday 9/1/11-8/31/12) Early Bird Fee: $115
- Majors (Birthday 9/1/10-8/31/11) Early Bird Fee: $115
- Intermediate (Birthday 9/1/09-8/31/10) Early Bird Fee: $125
- JR/YSR (Birthday 9/1/08-8/31/09) Early Bird Fee: $125

* $50 Raffle Fee will be added to each registration as part of league fundraiser.
* Ages go up $15 after 1/15/20

WORLD CLASS FACILITIES:
- New Covered Dugouts with Two-Tiered Benches. New backstops and fencing
- Grass Infields and Batting Cages
- Concession stand and restroom facilities
- Playground structures and paved parking area

For more information visit www.commercelittleleague.com

Accessibility:
If any individual has difficulty accessing the information in this newsletter, they may contact our main office at 248-956-3900. We will provide the requested information in an alternate format. More information about our district accessibility practices and policies is available here.
2020 Tuition Expedition
50/50 Scholarship Raffle

Support WL Consolidated School District

Chance to win BIG

Purchase tickets online at www.wlcstickets.com
1,000 tickets available
$50 per ticket | 3 for $100
Drawing March 30, 2020
Need not be present to win