

TLCS January 2015 Newsletter

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The TLCS Staff Members hope you enjoy the winter vacation and wish you a happy New Year! We offer the following dates and information pertaining to the return to school in January.

DATES:

Monday, January 5 th	Return to school after vacation
Friday, January 16 th	Teacher Workday
Monday, January 19 th	No School—MLK Day
Friday, January 23 rd	Trimester 2 Parent Conferences

Check out the school website www.blachly.k12.or.us to see the latest basketball and wrestling schedules.

Canned Food Drive: Thank you to all the Laker families who donated canned food for the December food drive. The grades competed against each other to see who could collect the most food. 1,338 lbs of non-perishable food was collected. The donations were sent to Women's Space—a local shelter for women and families who are victims of domestic violence.

The Elementary winner is the first grade class which collected 249 pounds of food; middle school winners are the sixth grade class who won by collecting 150 pounds; and for the high school the tenth grade won by donating 124 pounds.

Diploma Types: Blachly School District offers the following diploma types: 1) Regular high school Diploma, 2) Modified Diploma (requirements as per OAR 581-022-1134); 3) Alternative Certificate (requirements as per OAR 581-022-1135); and 4) Extended Diploma (requirements as per OAR 581-022-1133).

Science Department Happenings: In a brief interview, Mr. Frolov noted the following topics and activities from his science classes during December: the 9th grade Physical Science class has been using Vernier sensors to determine buoyancy; the Physics class has been doing Sensor labs; the 10th grade Biology class did a project using ecology bottles to see how long an ecological system could be maintained in a small closed environment. They have also done plant experimentation to answer a question of their own choosing. They saw mixed results, some worthy of further research and experimentation.

Immunizations:

The immunization review—a report which verifies to the state that all students are in compliance regarding immunization law—occurs this month. Students whose immunizations are not up to date must receive needed immunizations or ultimately be exempted from attendance. Kindergarten and seventh grades are times when updates may be required. If your child requires additional immunizations, you will receive notice from the school. Thank you ahead for your cooperation in this.

Immunizations may be obtained by your child's physician or the Lane County Health Department.

Emergency Closures:

Going into winter, we realize that storms often affect our ability to maintain a normal school schedule. In order to keep parents informed of emergency closures or delays, the home page of the Blachly School District website <www.blachly.k12.or.us> will immediately be updated with schedule adjustments (unless internet connections are affected by the weather). In addition, the "parent" dropdown has a link to information about school closures. Major local television and radio stations also publicize school closures on the air as well as on their websites. Normally, school closure information will be published no later than 6:30 a.m.

Lunch Payments: As per the Blachly SD Board, *Students may charge no more than \$5.00 to their lunch account. Any student failing to keep his/her account current as required by the district shall not be allowed to charge the price of further meals until the account has been paid in full. Students or parents of students are expected to prepay meal costs or pay for the meal at the point of service.*

Coordinates with Board policy EFAA - District Nutrition and Food Services and administrative regulation

Also see policy JEFA - Closed Campus/Open Campus

Transportation Reminders: The bus drivers asked that we remind you of the following:

- Please park safely—we place a high priority on the wellness of our students
- No food or drinks may be brought onto the bus (sack lunches exempted)
- Please arrive at the bus stop five minutes prior to pick up and drop off times

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and our busses clean.

TLCS Senior Class News:

Here we are heading into the New Year and High School Seniors should be full-swing into their Senior Projects, otherwise known as "EAs" (Extended Application). If you know a Senior, ask them about their projects, some of them are pretty darn cool! Senior parents should be aware that as a class assignment they will be completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Parents will need to get a PIN and supply financial information in order to complete this on January 1. Also, Senior parents and guardians should plan to meet together in January to plan out graduation details. Senior Advisors will be sending out some information a little later.

ASPIRE

New Year's Resolution: "I will volunteer more." If this sounds familiar or just like a very good idea, have we got great news for you! Mrs. Wagner is planning to rejuvenate our ASPIRE program, and opportunities to volunteer abound! Statistics support the idea that **connecting one on one with students is one of the best ways to keep students on track to graduate.** You can come with an abundance of knowledge and wisdom to share, or just a willing heart and mind ready to learn, but we have kids ready to receive mentoring and advising here at TLCS. We will be hosting a number of information and training sessions in the next month or two to help you decide just how you would like to help with middle and high school students. Contact: Lisa Wagner at 541-925-3262 ext. 126 or lwagner@blachly.k12.or.us for more information and look for announcements for training and information session dates and times in January.