

C.W. Henry Family Newsletter Winter 2019

Charles W. Henry School
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<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
12/20	Dress Down Day (\$1, All grades)
12/20	Gingerbread Houses pick up date
12/20	Upper School (6-8th grade) winter celebration
12/23 -1/1	School closed
1/2	School resumes
1/6	Art Museum field trip (6th grade)
1/7	Chess team tournament
1/16	Winter Concert, 7 - 8:15pm
1/24	12:09pm early dismissal

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Thank you for a wonderful 2019 school year. We have so

many reasons to be thankful as we prepare for the New Year. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to partnering with you in the New Year.

- Ms. Davis

Important Reminders

Make sure your student is in line on time! Our school hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:09 p.m.

Students who come to school after

8:35am are marked late at the front desk.

If your child is in 6th - 8th grade, please remind them to check in with their teachers before going to their lockers. Thank you for your support in helping us meet our school-wide attendance goals.



Students are expected to line up with their class or homeroom teacher at 8:30am on the upper school yard for morning announcements all year long. If your child arrives to the yard after their class has gone inside, they must pick up a late slip at the front desk. When the temperature is below 32 degrees F, students will enter through the main entrance.

Breakfast is served at no charge from 8:10 am to 8:25 am in the school cafeteria every morning. Students will

then go out to the school yard to line up with their class.

Please remind your student that there is no playing on playground equipment or riding around on scooters, bikes, and skateboards in the lower school yard until after 3:15pm. It is important that all students have a grown-up with them. There are no dogs allowed on school property at any time.

There are no early dismissals granted after 2:30 pm.

The Many Ways to Stay Connected

- Find out what's happening at Henry by joining the school's Instagram page @c.w.henry or the official Facebook page by searching for C.W. Henry
- Make sure you're receiving important text alerts from both your child's teacher and Principal Davis via Remind.
- The school's PTA also has a Facebook page, an Instagram page, and a Twitter account, plus a weekly e-newsletter that is super informative and delivered right to your inbox on Mondays all year long. You can find all information on the Henry PTA website.
- *Additionally, every grade from K-5th has its own private Facebook page just for parents, and the Upper*

School has one for the whole upper school- so you can ask questions and will never be left wondering if it's gym day or an early dismissal!

Trip Chaperones:

Do you plan on chaperoning a field trip this year? If so, make sure your clearances are up-to-date. Once they are, be sure to drop copies off in the school office and to notify your child's teacher. Our secretary, Ms. Liew, maintains all clearances in the main office.

Please go to the School District of Philadelphia's FACE website for more information on how to obtain your clearances quickly and for free.

From the Nurse's Corner:

Nurse Larrson has a few important things she would like Henry families to know:

All medications brought to school need to have a MED 1 form filled out from your child's doctor and signed by a caregiver. Please turn the form into Nurse Larrson soon. You can call her directly to have a form sent home with your child.

If your child has asthma, please make sure they regularly bring an inhaler to

school at let Nurse Larrson and the classroom teacher know.

If you have an older student that you think is responsible enough to carry their own inhaler, the nurse will complete a self-assessment form with the child. Even older students should notify the nurse that they use an inhaler in case they ever have an issue. MED 1 forms will need to be filled out for older students as well. Please call the nurse to have a form sent home with your child.

School-wide:

The Henry Garden:

Our wonderful farmer/educator, Farmer Dave, spent another fall in our large, organic school garden conducting sessions with almost every class in the school at least once from Sept-November. With the help of Farmer Meredith (2nd grade parent), students planted, harvested, and ate many different types of vegetables and herbs. Some classes were even able to pick bouquets of flowers for their teachers! The garden has gone to sleep for the winter, but lessons for all classes will resume in the Spring.

Storybook Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Thank you to all families who participated in our annual pumpkin decorating contest! We hope you got to view all entries while they were on display outside of the office. Following is a list of winners:

- Anona Tice - 1st Grade
- Gustave Larson - 1st Grade
- Precious Morrow - 5th Grade

News From the Music Room:

Big congratulations to the Henry choir members who recently performed at WHYY for Sesame Street's 50th anniversary celebration! Forty out of ninety of our talented choir members from grades 3rd - 8th had the honor of travelling to WHYY's station to perform songs to celebrate Sesame Street's big anniversary.

Mrs. Paulino wants parents and caregivers to know that information about what your child is doing in music class, as well as choir and school musical information, can be found on her website. The easiest way to find the site is to Google "CW Henry Music Department".

Calling all seamstresses! Mrs. Paulino is in need of people with good sewing ability and access to a sewing machine to help make costumes for the

musical. Help is needed now until February when the show opens. Please email Mrs. Paulino if you have time to give.

The Music Department is on Instagram! Check out all the amazing stuff going on at @cwhenrymusicclass

News From the Art Room:

Mrs. Johnson would like to give a great big thanks to all the students and parents who helped make the Craft Sale in October such a success!

Upper School Updates

Student Council:

Did you know that Henry has a very active student council for 6-8th graders? The Upper School student council has started meeting and is hard at work planning a lot of fun for this year!

Through projects and activities, student council works to: Promote citizenship, scholarship, leadership, human relations, and cultural values

There are currently four committees within our council: *Fundraising, School Spirit and Culture, Events, and Service Projects.*

Current members are: Dhayannah Adams-Jackmon
Rela Asar

Charles James
Amber Jones
Sydney Jowers
Dayani Massey
Dylan Paul
Rose Semmel
Natasha Simmons
Cavance Snaith
Sloan Williams
Hakim Woods

Reading Olympics

An Upper School Reading Olympics team is forming now under the leadership of Mrs. Wirshup (ELA teacher). Reading Olympics is a city-wide collaborative reading competition that culminates in 7 different competitions throughout May. The Henry team will consist of 6-8 students total. Please reach out to Mrs. Wirshup for information on signing up or volunteering your time.

SAC Update:

Happy Winter CW Henry Families! The SAC (Student Advisory Council) is thrilled to start off the school year with the following members:

Camille Barnes - Parent
Krista Boerman - Parent
Leah Corsover - PTA President & Parent
Kate Davis - Principal
Elizabeth Farruggia - Parent
Alisha Glennon - Parent
Jared Jacobs - Teacher
Angela Johnson - Parent
Gary King - Parent
Gina LeClerc - Parent

Zoe Rooney - Parent
Meredith Schecter - Teacher
Kimberley Smith - Teacher
John Spencer - Parent
Ali Stumacher - Parent
Eric Tars - Parent
Roy Wade - Parent
Karnesha Watts - Parent
Orien Smith-Warren - Parent
Jenavia Weaver - Parent

At this time our membership is closed for voting members, but the meetings are always open to all! Please join us any time you are available!

General information about the SAC:

We generally meet the 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month at Henry School - all meetings are listed on the School Calendar - from 4:30-6:00pm.

Our Agenda generally includes:

School Data Review and opportunity to get clarification and give suggestions on school progress.

Project Work Time: Each member of the SAC participates in a project. More information on project to come!

Open Discussion: Have something you want to suggest to the school staff? Sign up to present a solution on the CW Henry Website SAC section. We just ask that you are focused on how your solution could improve outcomes for



the school and that you please don't include any confidential student or staff information in you discussion.

We love to have people join us for our meetings and really value diverse perspectives in our discussions!

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