

Northern Lights

Brought to you by the Grosse Pointe North Parents Club

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

I hope this note finds you having enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating Thanksgiving with your families.

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, we celebrated the soon-to-be-newest additions to the the North family, hosting over 300 eighth graders to show them what North is all about and exactly what we do here. These students toured the school, met with upperclassmen mentors and participated in classroom instruction. We have found this to be one of several successful ways to ensure a smooth transition for our incoming students and to uphold our tradition of academic achievement.

Now as we head into December, it's concert season! North is home to many talented performers; I encourage you to get into the holiday spirit and check out one of the many spectacular concerts in December.

Holiday Tea, 1 p.m. Dec. 5, in the Performing Arts Center

Band-o-Rama, 7 p.m. Dec. 11, North Gym

Holiday Choir Concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 13-14, First English Lutheran Church

Stringextravaganza, 7 p.m. Dec. 20, North Gym

And before you know it, midterm exam week will be here (Jan. 15-18). Please encourage your students to take advantage of the winter break and begin studying early. These comprehensive exams will account for 20% of students' first semester grade. As we know, cramming the night before doesn't usually produce the results we want or ensure long-lasting learning. Thank you for your support!

Happy Holidays!

Kathryn C. Murray



Attention senior parents!

We are already planning the Senior All-Night Party.

Don't forget to sign up your senior on the school website, just like you did for registration. Go to the webstore and look for the Senior All-Night Party link to pay online.

This wonderful tradition allows our seniors to spend graduation night at North safely with their friends.

We also need volunteers before, during and after the event, contact Diane Peters at dpeters794@yahoo.com to lend a hand.

Dates you Need to Know

Dec. 1: SAT testing, 8 a.m.

Dec. 5: Holiday Tea, 1 p.m., PAC

Dec. 10: National Honor Society induction, 7 p.m., PAC

Dec. 11: Band-O-Rama, 7 p.m., Gym

Dec. 12: Challenge Days, First English Lutheran Church

Dec. 12: String Extravaganza, 7 p.m., Gym

Dec. 13: Challenge Days, all day, First English Lutheran Church. Cookie reception follows.

Dec. 13-14: Holiday choir concert, 7 p.m., First English Lutheran Church

Dec. 24: Winter break, school is closed

Jan. 2: School resumes, 8 a.m.

Jan. 9: Link Crew exam study session with freshmen, 3:15 p.m., Cafeteria

Jan. 9: Eighth-grade orientation, 6 p.m., PAC

Jan. 15-18: Mid-term exams, 11:15 a.m. dismissal

Jan. 17: Parents Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Commons

Jan. 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school

Feb. 11: No late start for freshmen, Link Crew seminar

Feb. 18-22: Mid-Winter break

Feb. 25: School resumes, late start

[See the full calendar here](#)

Join us!

— by **Jeanette Ekin, VP for Membership and Directory**

It is the mission of the Parents Club to fund student academic enrichment, college scholarship programs and school beautification through fundraising and volunteer opportunities.

In simple terms, we strive to enhance the experiences at GPN for our students, staff and parents. Membership for the 2018-19 school year is \$35 and dues support projects such as:

- College scholarships for seniors
- Test day support for students
- Startup cost for the freshman class, teachers and clubs
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Staff dinner during conferences
- Grants for teachers and student organizations
- Beautification and maintenance

It's not too late to join! Please go to gpnparentsclub.com.

We are a registered nonprofit organization and can accept donations, too. You can make a secure donation on our website. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Our next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m. in the Commons at Grosse Pointe North.

From the president

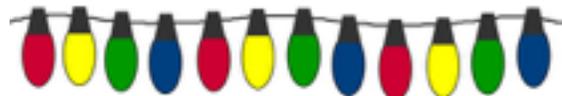
— by **Gretchen Schock**

If you're one of the people who doesn't know what the Holiday Tea is, read on!

This is one of the nicest Grosse Pointe community traditions! Every holiday season, the choirs from North and South perform a holiday concert for the community during the first week of December. This year it's scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the First English Lutheran Church on Vernier directly across from the school.

After this special concert, the attendees are offered tea and cookies. And while the entire community is invited to this free concert, the majority of people who attend are senior citizens. One of the things these men and women tell us they enjoy the most are the boxes of assorted homemade cookies that we sell for \$5. Many don't have the ability or means to bake anymore and this is a way for them to have some homemade treats to eat and share.

Would you consider donating either store-bought or homemade holiday cookies to this event? We need lots of different cookies to serve after the concert or to make boxes to sell. The homemade cookies don't have to be cut-outs or labor intensive. Any type of cookie that you associate with the holidays will make a wonderful addition to this Grosse Pointe holiday tradition. If you can donate, please [sign up using this link](#).



Happy
Holidays!