

A LETTER HOME

THE COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY

PARENT NEWSLETTER FOR

NOVEMBER 20, 2009

INTERIM REPORTS

As you know, we are posting weekly updates of your student's academic progress on Edline every Thursday. If you have not accessed Edline or need help doing so, please call the school office. Official Interim Reports were posted Wednesday, November 18. If you do not have access to a computer, please notify the office so this report can be mailed to you.

COLLEGE AND FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Parents of seniors, please note that your students are receiving a monthly newsletter from the Guidance Department listing all the upcoming deadlines related to college applications and the Senior Portfolio process, as well as some encouraging tips and advice. On the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy website (www.coebrown.org), you can access the Guidance link which contains much of this information.

All students requiring financial aid assistance for college should file the Federal Financial Aid Application Forms (FAFSA). This form will soon be available to students. The FAFSA should be mailed as soon as possible after January 1, 2010 (but not before that date). Completion of the FAFSA will require at least an estimate of 2009 income figures as reported on IRS tax returns.

Some students will also need to submit the Profile Financial Aid Application and/or an application, which goes directly to the college. Colleges may have different requirements and deadlines, so students are encouraged to check with the school that they are applying to for specific requirements. Applications for local scholarships will be available in March.

Deadlines for applications are coming quickly. Students applying to competitive colleges with early deadlines (December and early January) should be meeting with their guidance counselors to ensure paperwork is in on time.

Students need to allow at least two weeks for the processing of paperwork and obtaining recommendations from counselors and teachers.

Students who have not taken the SAT exam and need to do so for college admission have one more opportunity in late January. They must register for this exam by December 15. Also, it is not too late for students to take advantage of our SAT preparation-tutoring program. Students planning on taking the SAT should sign up Mrs. Mennelle to schedule time to go through this program.

Guidance counselors are looking forward to meeting with each senior before December 4 for a preliminary meeting to discuss the "Senior Career Plan".

WINTER SPORTS

The Winter Sports Season begin in the next few weeks. Check highschoolsport.net for up to the minute schedules and game results.

Coaches for the Winter Season are:

Varsity Girls Basketball: Mr. Stephen Smith
JV Girls Basketball: Mrs. Mary Susan Smith
Reserve Girls Basketball: Mr. Joseph Vachon

Varsity Boys Basketball: Mr. David Smith
JV Boys Basketball: Mr. David Daigle
Reserve Boys Basketball: Mr. James Johnson

Indoor Track and Field: Mr. David Zink-Mailloux
Mr. Timothy Cox

ALUMNI BASKETBALL OPENS HOLIDAY BREAK

The annual Alumni Basketball Games will be held Wednesday, December 23, 2009 in the Smith Hall gymnasium beginning at 5:30 and 7:00. Last year's games drew more than 500 alumni and fans. This is a great opportunity for everyone to renew old friendships and see the current varsity basketball teams in action.

WEATHER WATCH

As you know, we try to have school if the roads are safe enough for the buses to travel. However, we ask that you use your good judgment on sending your teens to school, particularly when they must drive on back roads. We are participating with the Alert Now system and will be phoning families around 6:15 to let them know of school delays or cancellations as well as announcing them to the TV and radio stations by 6:00 AM. You may also call the school and access the information option of our telephone voice mail system. It will be updated on the mornings that we have a delay or cancellation.

MID-YEAR EXAMS

Mid-year exams in full credit courses and final exams in semester courses will be given on December 18, 21 and 22. Students will soon receive complete exam schedules. School will be dismissed at approximately 1:15 on the 18th and at 11:15 on the 21st and 22nd for students without conflict or makeup exams. In order to ensure that exams are completed prior to the Christmas break, the school calendar reserves Wednesday, December 23 as an emergency makeup day. If weather or emergency conditions force the loss of school time on one of the three exam days, we will use the 23rd to make up that time. If the three exam days pass without interruption, then Wednesday, December 23 will be the first day of the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

The Winter Arts Festival Committee is pleased to announce that this year's festival will take place on **Wednesday, December 2** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM with a snow date of Thursday, December 3. The festival will open at 6:00 pm with an exhibition of *The Scholastic Art Award of New Hampshire* submissions in the Multi-Purpose Room. At 6:50 PM, the Select Chorus will sing the National Anthem. At approximately 7:15, the Master of Ceremony and Dean of the Student Services Division, Mrs. Sally Aseltine, will introduce the Scholastic Art Award's Gold Key recipients while Mr. Unrein and Mr. Chatfield present certificates of merit. A brief

PowerPoint presentation that showcases the top 36 artworks will also be presented. The CBNA Chorus under the direction of Mr. David Deardorff will perform a varied multicultural repertoire. Boy's A Cappella and Girl's Show Choir will perform as well. A drama presentation under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Lent will follow and the Improvisation for Theatre class will perform. The evening will conclude with the CBNA Concert Band, directed by Music Director, Mr. Bruce McCormick. Students, faculty, friends and community members are all invited. As in the past, this special evening in the arts helps provide additional financial support for supplies and repairs that cannot be planned for in advance. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. Admission is free to all participating students while general admission is \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a family of four or more.

EARLY MORNING ARRIVALS

The school does not open for the supervision of students until 7:20 in the morning. We realize that some people's circumstances make it necessary to drop students off before that time; we even have some students who are routinely here before 6:30 AM. Teachers are not assigned for morning supervision duty before 7:20 AM, and the building will remain locked until that time.

We do have a number of staff who often arrive at school well before 7:20 AM. Many staff find the time before anyone else arrives a great time to use the copying machines, computers and other school equipment. For them it is a quiet time to get some important work done before the rest of the school arrives. It would be unfair to expect them to give up this important time that they are already giving to the school to provide extra early supervision. Staff members who come in early will usually take pity on students stuck outside early on particularly cold and miserable days, but it is something they do because they are good people and not because we expect them to. In letting students in early, teachers have to be willing to accept the responsibility for supervision until the assigned duty teachers arrive.

EARLY DISMISSAL BY PARENTS

If you find it necessary to have your child dismissed during the day and you know in advance, **PLEASE** send in a note or call the office in the morning - the earlier the better. By doing this you will expedite the process for both you and your child.

SAFETY STANDARDS

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy has been routinely inspected for the presence of asbestos containing materials. As is common of most facilities with buildings built before the 1980's, the Academy does have some floor tiles and other materials that contain asbestos in an encapsulated form. This material presents no danger whatsoever and, in accordance with public safety regulations, a written plan for the management of these materials has been developed. This plan is available for inspection at the main office of the Academy and at the offices of SAU # 44. Copies may be made on request at ten cents per page.

As part of the school's desire to protect the environment, the Academy has procedures in place to ensure the quality of drinking water in all school buildings. A regular schedule of water sampling and testing is in place and the results of these tests are closely monitored.

YEARBOOK REMINDERS

The yearbook staff has been working hard on the yearbook and much has been completed. Two important deadlines are approaching:

Purchasing Your Yearbook: THIS IS THE TIME TO ORDER YOUR BOOK! Log on to <http://smart-pay.com> or call SmartPay at 1-800-898-7004 to place an order. There is no guarantee of extras at the end of the year, so be sure to contact SmartPay with your order. Please note that we are offering a Spring Supplement this year that will contain all Spring sports, Graduation, Senior Write-ups, Baccalaureate, Prom and other Spring events and activities. You must order this in addition to the yearbook if you would like these additional 32 pages.

Parent Ads: Many parents and family friends like to purchase an ad for their senior. There is still time to get your ad in and send a personal message to a special graduating student. If you are interested in purchasing an ad please send a picture(s), any text you would like included and payment for the following amount: 1/8 page: \$50, 1/4 page \$80, 1/2 page \$130, full page \$180. Checks may be made payable to CBNA Yearbook. This needs to be done before December 15th in order to guarantee your ad placement in the book! Send your ad to CBNA, attn: Caryn Lasky. Please call with any additional questions.

CLASS OF 2010 GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

The Class of 2010 is planning their fourth annual Goods and Services Auction. This event will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 PM. If you have any items you wish to donate toward the auction, please contact Mrs. Cumings at 942-5531 or email her at jcumings@coebrown.org. Please join us for an evening of fun and a chance to bid on some great items!