



## Oxford Central School December 18, 2009

### Season's Greetings

"Your holiday may depend on what others do for you ... but your Happy New Year depends on what you do for others."

-- **Unknown**

Over the Holiday Break the Main Office, CST Office and Business Office will be open 12/ 28 – 12/30. The hours are 8:00 – 3:30 pm. Although we are painting the main lobby and the wooden doors those days, it could be tricky coming in—we will be open.

As we come to the end of 2009 and welcome in a new year, we take time to thank you for your time, efforts, and dedication on behalf of the students at the Oxford Central School.

My wish for all the students and their families is to have a safe and joyful holiday. This time of the year is special for many reasons, one of which is family. As your family and friends gather to celebrate, may the true reason for the season be remembered. Best wishes for a joyful holiday and a happy new year!

The Facebook adventure is going well! As many of you know I have added Oxford Central to the world of Facebook. I will be using the site to provide further updates about things going on here at the school, or affecting education here in the Garden State. As I have done in the past, I will also be updating the blogs on a regular basis. So, if you do not want to use your Facebook account or if you would rather not join, you can still get up to the minute information on the blog sites or the website.

This coming week is a short week here at OCS. Please be sure that you have your early dismissal plan in place for Wednesday, December 23, 2009. We are dismissing at 12:30 on that day.

Once again, have a great holiday!!

Till next time...

Robert Magnuson



The Holiday Season is in full swing! In all of the joyous ways this season is celebrated, I wish you and yours the VERY BEST during this special time and throughout the New Year!

Milissa Dachisen



On Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the students in Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade presented a concert featuring songs about Santa, Winter, and the Holidays. A group of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders truly enhanced the concert by playing guitar, bells, and flute, and by doing an extraordinary job with helping behind the stage. Also, a special thanks to all the teachers who helped with decorations, rehearsals, and their presence at the evening concert. The audience was a joy to perform for. Preparations for the spring concert will be underway soon featuring "Aesop's Fables".



Art Room is in need of the following items:

Wide-mouth Heinz ketchup bottles with the big white lid, empty box-type baby wipes containers, travel and regular size, Ziploc type plastic bags in snack, sandwich, quart and gallon sizes, Styrofoam egg cartons, and donations of yarn, any colors, but especially yellows, oranges, and black.



6<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are geologists. They have studied the properties and identification of minerals all over the world. They've designed a booklet to explain their findings. Next, we will be "rock" stars and make a rock CD to better understand the 3 types of rocks and rock cycle. Watch for the "debut" of the CD release.

This month the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been reading *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. We have had many great discussions about the book as a class and in literature circles. The students are also learning how to write a business letter; an important skill that they will need in the work place. We wish you a happy holiday and a great new year.





## OCS EVENTS

Board of Ed. Meeting - January 28, 2010

12:30 Dismissal - December 23, 2009

School Closed for Winter Break - December 24-January 3  
School Reopens - Monday, January 4, 2010

School Closed - January 18 - Teacher In-Service

CAP (Child Assault Prevention) Parent Meeting - Wednesday,  
January 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Internet Safety Parent Meeting - Wednesday, January 20 at  
7:00 p.m.



## Community Events



Oxford Lions Club is seeking new members. Must be 18 or older to join. Please contact:  
Lion Brittney Fox, 908-283-1217 or Lion President, Jack Firth, 908-453-2410. Help us  
help serve our community.

### Pequest State Fish Hatchery

Professor Winklebottom's Earth Science Circus – Friday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. This  
litter education program takes participants on a unique and lively exploration of “our  
Earth”. Registration is required for all events. For more information and to register, call  
908-637-4125.

### Centenary Stage Company

400 Jefferson Street, Hackettstown, NJ  
Winter Festival of Shows:  
Charlotte's Web – 12/19, 12/20



Hello Dolly! – 12/19, 12/20

How to Succeed in Business

Without Really Trying – 12/18, 12/19, 12/20 – Call 908-979-0900

