

WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/GUARDIAN LINK

December 3, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

December events: December consistently proves itself to be one of the fastest, most festive months of the year. To those ends, please take note of these upcoming events:

- Sophomore Respect Retreat on December 6th
- Music Department Concert on December 13th
- Parent Association-sponsored Hot Chocolate and Fine Arts Assembly on December 14
- Bay Gives Bay Toy Drive – presents can be dropped off on December 12 and 13 from 11:50-12:20 or from 3:45-5:45 in the rotunda
- Bay Gives Back/HOSA Blood Drive on December 19

Grades: Grades should be updated in Family Access as of last night. Please review these with your son/daughter as our next update is not until January 2.

Respect Retreat: All sophomores will engage with the 10th grade Respect Retreat this Thursday. They will be dismissed from their second hour class directly to the retreat. All parents/guardians of sophomores should have received an email with additional information about this event. If you did not receive this correspondence, please let me know. Students should bring a bag lunch and/or money for the cafeteria as they will eat together as part of the retreat. This high energy, interactive experience is about building community and connection within the grade as well as to create a more positive school community by engaging students in a variety of activities that build empathy skills and teach safe ways to help prevent bullying.

Advisory on Digital Literacy: Our advisory period this Friday will be devoted to the topic of digital citizenship - the norms and behaviors associated with technology. This is a broad topic and integral to our everyday lives. Students will explore topics including impact of multi-tasking on high quality work, personal social media profiles, etc. In advance of that advisory, we encourage you to talk to your students about their screen time as it relates to homework. The following link has some good suggestions and talking points for you to use.

<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/tech-talk-tuesdays/5-homework-strategies-in-the-digital-age>

Computer Science Education Week: December 3-7 is Computer Science Education week. Over 300 of our high school students will get a chance to participate in Hour of Code activities through their math classes. See the attached flyer for more information. If parents, students or siblings want to try activities at home, they can use this link.

<https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>

Blood Drive: Bay Gives Back and HOSA are hosting the winter Blood Drive to benefit the Blood Center of Wisconsin on **Wednesday, December 19th from 9am to 2pm in the High School Field House**. If you are interested in donating blood during this event, please sign up with the link below. All non-students and staff must first sign in with the front office before proceeding down to the field house. All donors will receive a **\$10 Amazon Gift Card** for participating! Help us save some lives this holiday season.

Sign up link: https://donor.bcw.edu/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/169672

If you have any questions please contact Bay Gives Back at baygivesback@wfbschools.com

Kind Regards,

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