

January 8, 2017

Dear Silver Hill Families,

Happy 2017!

I hope everyone stayed warm this weekend, and didn't have lots to shovel!

We have a busy month ahead. We will be holding our last two Open Houses in January, with the lottery being held on February 10. This Thursday, January 12, the Open House will run from 6:00 – 7:30 pm, beginning with an information session, followed by tours of the school. This format was well attended at our last Open House, and we anticipate the same this week. We will also hold a daytime Open House this Saturday from 10:00 – noon. Maybe you have the time to attend either and share your Silver Hill experiences during the question and answer time? If there are members of the Foundation, PTO, and Board of Trustees, this would be a way to let potential families know of some of the many ways that they can be a part of their child's education. Thank you!

The Board of Trustees is in need of a Treasurer. If this is your area of expertise, this would be a great way to volunteer your services not just for your own child/children, but for the whole school community! Board of Trustee meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is February 7, 5:30 in the school library, if you had any questions regarding the Treasurer responsibilities.

Our basketball season is fast approaching, and Richard Sadek has kindly volunteered his time to be our coach! Thank you Mr. Sadek!! This is a pretty big job, so if there are any other parents/guardians out there who would like to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Santoro and Mr. Zuber have done this in past years, and will help out with getting you started with the paperwork and what kind of scheduling seemed to work best. And Mrs. Sanchez will help with the paperwork from the school end. The kids love basketball, and although it is a lot of work, it's for a great cause!

As we move forward in our Charter renewal process, one of the areas that Silver Hill has been cited as Needs Improvement is in the recruitment of High Needs students, especially ELL and Economically Disadvantaged children. The mission of charter schools is to provide an exemplary and equitable education to all children. As part of the school's Recruitment Plan, which is submitted annually to the Department of Education, we must show how we as a school community are actively reaching out to enroll High Needs children. The Mount Washington Alliance has been very helpful in providing opportunities for us to make these connections. Next Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Mt Washington Alliance will be holding an Information Fair at Emmaus House with tables set up for all non-profit organizations that provide services to Haverhill families. They expect over 200 people to attend this fair. Silver Hill will have a table, and share our brochures and applications. I would love to have parents/guardians and students join me to share what a wonderful school Silver Hill truly is! The fair runs from 10:00 till 1:00, and we'll have people helping out in shifts. Please give me a call if you are able to help out!

Wishing you good health, happiness, and a peaceful 2017,

Margaret

Planning Ahead:

January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School – 10:00 – 1:00 Mt. Washington Alliance at Emmaus House to distribute SHHMCS information

January 16 – PTO Restaurant Night at Stuff

January 18 – Coffee With the Principal – STMath – 6:00

January 19 – Appleseed Launch – South Lawrence East School

January 20 – Grade 3 Library Field Trip 9:30-11:30 (Perez and Rittenour)

January 24 – Board of Trustees Training with SchoolWorks 4:30

January 27 – Lottery Applications Due

January 27 – Early Dismissal – Professional Development Day for all staff

February 10 - Lottery