

# Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

## *Coming Soon*

To A School Near You.....

*December 15, 2008*

### *District Events*

#### **SCCPSS Holiday Performances**

The students of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System would like to extend a formal invitation "to kids from one to ninety-two" to attend any one of a number of very special concerts and performances during this festive holiday season.

#### **Monday, December 15**

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| Marshpoint Elementary School Band   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Johnson High School Chorus<br>(Wesley Monumental Methodist Church)                                  | 7:00 p.m. |
| Shuman Theatre, Shuman Middle School  | 7:00 p.m. |
| Savannah Arts Academy Silver Winds Ensemble and<br>Still Waters Ensemble<br>(Westin Hotel Ballroom) | 7:00 p.m. |

#### **Tuesday, December 16**

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| Heard Elementary School Band              | 6:00 p.m. |
| Spencer Elementary School Chorus          | 6:00 p.m. |
| Isle of Hope Elementary School Band       | 7:00 p.m. |
| Shuman Middle School Chorus and Orchestra | 7:00 p.m. |

#### **Wednesday, December 17**

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| Savannah High School Chorus and Band | 7:00 p.m. |
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#### **Thursday, December 18**

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| Gadsden Elementary School Music and Drama   | 6:00 p.m. |
| Garden City Elementary School Band  | 6:00 p.m. |
| Hubert Middle School Chorus   | 6:00 p.m. |
| Myers Middle School Band  | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oglethorpe Charter School Band and Chorus Concert<br>(Temple of Glory Community Church) | 6:00 p.m. |
| Hesse Elementary School Band  | 7:00 p.m. |
| Johnson High School Band  | 7:00 p.m. |



## **SCCPSS Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament**

Every year, SCCPSS Athletics Department hosts the annual [Holiday Classic](#), an outstanding and nationally recognized varsity basketball tournament. This year's tournament features some of the best teams in the state of Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Washington D.C. and Kentucky. From the slam dunk competition to the championship games, the Holiday Classic promises to provide non-stop action and entertainment for the whole family.

Single site admission tickets are \$5.00 (tickets good for that site only, no re-entry). The Hopper Pass is \$10.00 (wristband good for entry at all sites for one day). Tickets are sold each site.

Click [here](#) for the complete 2008 Holiday Classic schedule.

For more information about the [2008 Holiday Classic](#), please contact Mike Stubbs or Peggy Johnson in the Athletics Department at 395-5531.

## ***School Events***

### **Marshpoint Band and Chorus Night**

The Marshpoint Band and Chorus will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2008 in the school gymnasium. The band, with over 80 members, is directed by Mr. Bruce Spradley and will perform a medley of popular selections. The Marshpoint Chorus, directed by Mrs. Theresa Sapp, will sing traditional Christmas favorites.

For more information, contact Marshpoint Elementary at 898-4000.

### **Largo-Tibet Elementary PTA Meeting and Holiday Extravaganza**

Largo-Tibet Elementary School is having its December PTA Meeting and Holiday Extravaganza on Tuesday evening, December 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided by Largo's 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and 4<sup>th</sup> grade chorus. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Largo-Tibet Elementary at 961-3450.

### **Hodge Elementary to Host Holiday Tea**

On Tuesday, December 16, 2008, Hodge Preparatory Academy will host a "Holiday Tea." The event begins at 5:00 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. The school chorus will perform holiday tunes, and a group of 2nd graders will present a different version of "The Night Before Christmas," using a news broadcast format. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Hodge Elementary at 395-5200.

### **West Chatham Middle School High School Specialty Programs/Band Concert/ and Evening Book Fair Night**

West Chatham Middle School will host its annual High School Specialty Programs Night in conjunction with the Evening Book Fair and the Winter Band Concert on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Their Winter Band Concert will follow at 6:00 p.m. The Evening Book Fair will be open from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, contact West Chatham Middle School at 748-3651.



### **Beach High School JROTC Holiday Toy Drive**

Beach High School JROTC is hosting a toy drive for the Ronald McDonald children's hospital on December 8-15, 2008. Please help them by bringing in newborn to toddler items so they may have a wonderful Christmas. Items that can not be accepted: teddy bears and used toys. Please bring all donations to the JROTC building or the main office of Beach High School.

If you have any questions, please contact COL Mayfield at 201-5337.

### **Coastal Middle School Holiday Concert**

The Coastal Middle School choral concert will be held on Thursday, December 18 at Islands Christian Church at 7:00 p.m. The concert will include dancing, singing, costumes, Santa and candy canes! It will be sure to put you in the holiday spirit.

For more information, contact Coastal Middle School at 898-3950.

### **Gadsden Elementary Winter Musical**

Gadsden Performing & Fine Arts Academy will host their Winter Musical, "I Need a Christmas Vacation" on Thursday, December 18, 2008 in Café Gadsden at 6:00 p.m. Performers will feature their fifth grade arts' majors. The audience will also be entertained by selections from the band and strings students. Everyone is invited to attend!

For more information, contact Gadsden Elementary at 395-5940.

### **Southwest Middle School Human Spell Checkers**

Southwest Middle School will hold their 2008 Spelling Bee on Thursday, December 18, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Students will be spelling long words...short words...and almost every part of speech! Parents, family members, school staff and the community are invited to attend. Come and help motivate the students at Southwest as they demonstrate their ability to be "human spell checkers!"

For more information, contact Southwest Middle School at 961-3540.

### **Charles Ellis Holiday Concert and Sing-a-Long**

Join Charles Ellis Montessori School on Thursday, December 18, 2008, for an evening of holiday music performed by Ellis students. The event will be held in the school's Multi-Purpose Room from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All invited.

Also, on Friday, December 19, join Charles Ellis students and staff at 2:15 p.m. on the front steps for a holiday sing-a-long!

For more information, contact Charles Ellis at 201-5470.

### **Groves High School Cell Phones and Inkjet Cartridges Collection**

Groves High is collecting used cell phones and inkjet cartridges to help raise funds for their Career and Technical Instruction Youth Organization for the purpose of financial support of career and technical activities. They will receive money from Phonerasier for each item donated.

For more information, contact Susan Gonzales 965-2520.



### **Gadsden Elementary Community Performance**

Gadsden Performing & Fine Arts Academy will take a scene from their winter musical, "I Need a Christmas Vacation," on the road on Friday, December 19, 2008. The arts' majors will perform at the Board of Education at 11:00 a.m. and at the Jepson Center for the Arts at 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact Gadsden Elementary at 395-5940.

### **Georgetown Elementary Annual Toy Drive**

Georgetown Elementary has begun their annual toy drive to provide a joyous and happy Christmas for several families within the school community. This year's goal is to collect new toys for 25 - 30 children ages 4 through 12. The toys need to be unwrapped and turned into the school by December 19.

For more information contact Shawn Sanders at 961-3475.

### **Marshpoint Elementary Celebrates Polar Express Day**

Students, faculty, and staff at Marshpoint Elementary School will celebrate Polar Express Day on Friday, December 19, 2008 with a variety of exciting activities throughout the day. Dressed in their warmest pajamas, students will watch the Polar Express movie, drink hot chocolate, and participate in activities related to this famous story.

For more information, contact Marshpoint Elementary at 898-4000.

### **Early College Blanket/Jacket Drive**

Early College's Environmental and Service Club is sponsoring a blanket and jacket drive for people in need this winter. All donations made will be given to organizations such as the Salvation Army, Inner City Night Shelter, and the Grace House. The drive will run until December 19, 2008, in hopes of providing the donations before the holidays. Early College welcomes any donations from the community and will accept them between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the school (101 Wheathill Road, Garden City).

For more information, contact Early College at 963-7030.

### **Windsor Forest Elementary Student Mentoring Program**

Twenty Windsor Forest high school students will travel to Windsor Forest Elementary once a week beginning in January to work with second grade students. The high school students have been trained in a special program called Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors, and they will mentor the second grade students as well as tutor them in reading. They will work with the students for 45 minutes each time they come and this program will continue until June. Windsor Elementary is very excited about this new partnership with Windsor High School students.

For more information please contact Dee-Ann Baldwin, Windsor Elementary school counselor, at 961-3353.



## **Community Events**

### **Barnes & Noble Annual Holiday Book Drive**

Barnes & Noble located at the Oglethorpe Mall invite customers to share the joy of reading with the launch of its Annual Holiday Book Drive. The Holiday Book Drive provides an opportunity for customers to donate books for the Savannah Fund for Excellence in Public Education who will donate them to Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools.

**Between November 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009**, customers can stop by the Oglethorpe Mall Barnes & Noble and purchase a book for the Holiday Book Drive.

For more information about how you can help our schools earn books, contact Community Relations Manager, Robin Wheeler at (912) 353-9231 or visit the Barnes & Noble store at Oglethorpe Mall.

### **Parent University January Session**

Parent University will hold their next session on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Savannah Arts Academy (500 Washington Ave). Parents will have the opportunity to take classes, learn valuable lessons and network. Free childcare and lunch will be provided. Exciting character and virtues classes are available for youth and special guest appearances.

To register or get further information about Parent University, call (912) 507-8566, 201-5090 or 201-2155.

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