



CENTRAL SCHOOL INTERMEDIATE DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Central School has been a hustle and bustle as the holidays are upon us. We hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and friends. We are so fortunate to be a part of the wonderful community here in Shelby and hope that the next few weeks find you with plenty to be thankful for as well.

We believe that at Central School, we put learning first and foremost as our goal for our students. A close second, though, is learning how to treat one another kindly and to take care of those around us. Central School students have been busy fulfilling this goal in the recent weeks. As a building, our staff and students made a wonderful donation to the United Fund of Shelby, which exclusively serves local organizations such as FISH (which provides groceries to local families), Shelby Help Line, and a plethora of other local charities and service organizations. Our students alone raised \$407.32 through a week-long coin drive. We are so proud of their efforts! In addition, we conducted a food drive just before Thanksgiving where our students collected over 12 cases of food to send to the food pantry at the First Lutheran Church in Shelby. It is important that we remember those who are in need, especially during this time of the year, and we hope that we have helped our students to be mindful of doing good for others.

We are also excited to help students to grow in other aspects outside of the classroom walls. We had a number of our fifth- and sixth-grade students participate in *The Music Man*. They gave an excellent performance and we look forward to seeing them use their talents in future productions. Students also recently attended a presentation by Ron Bachman on diversity, self-esteem, anti-bullying, and respect for others. His message was one of positive thinking for all of our students. Special thanks to Buckeye Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram for sponsoring Mr. Bachman's visit to our district. Our Walking Whippets program is in full-swing during recess time. This is an option for students to go walk or jog to improve their physical fitness and reach their personal goals. The students will receive incentives for their incremental progress. We owe a special thanks to our PTO for subsidizing the cost of the punch cards used for this program. Get out there and walk, Whippets!

Finally, we were ecstatic to see a huge turnout at our honor roll banquet for the first nine weeks. We had 169 of our 320 students qualify for honor roll recognition. All of the students who were on the honor roll the first nine weeks will receive special recognition through a program from the Columbus Bluejackets. They receive a certificate of excellence with two free tickets to the hockey game of their choice and a voucher for a free kid's meal at Bob Evans. We are waiting on the certificates to arrive from the Bluejackets, but please be looking for these to come home in the near future.

As always, please feel free to contact me at school with any questions, concerns, compliments, or if you'd just like to talk about your child's educational experience. Please check out our webpage for important information as well: www.shelbyk12.org/central. I wish you and your families all a wonderful holiday season. Go Whippets!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Important Dates:

- December 7:** 2-Hour Early Release
- December 8:** PTO Dine-to-Donate at Mi Ranchito Restaurant
- December 21:** Holiday Hoopla at CSI (wear your best red & green holiday gear!)
- December 21:** SCRAP Recycling at CSI
- December 22-January 2:** Christmas Break
- January 3:** School Resumes
- January 9:** PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm in the CSI Library
- January 13:** End of the 2nd 9 Weeks

Inclement Weather Reminders:

- Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the elements for recess. Students go outside every day, unless it is raining or if the temperature or wind chill is below 15 degrees.
- Shelby City Schools is participating in the Ohio Department of Education's Blizzard Bags option. If we exceed 5 regular calamity days, students will be given Blizzard Bags. These are assignments that will be posted on ProgressBook via the teacher's Homepage and will be due two weeks from the date of assignment. ALL teachers will give students these assignments (even physical education, music, etc.). Students who do not have access to a computer will be given a hard copy of the assignment upon the return to school. These will also be due within two weeks of their assignment. We will be permitted to use the Blizzard Bags for up to 3 additional days beyond the 5 regular calamity days.
- Don't forget to sign up for the Shelby City Schools Notification System to receive text messages regarding important school information. Go to the SCS Homepage and click on the Schoolhouse in order to do so.



The December PTO Meeting has been **CANCELLED**. See you in 2012!

Attention, Target Shoppers!

If you have a Target Credit Card, Target Visa Credit Card, or Target Debit Card, you may take advantage of the Take Charge of Education Program. Target will donate 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target and Target.com to our school (and ½% of your purchases everywhere else with your Target Visa Credit Card). Just register your card at www.target.com and choose Central School as the school of your choice.

PTO is currently collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels. You may send them to school with your student or drop them off in the collection bins inside the front lobby of Central. We appreciate your support!

We are implementing a new discipline option at CSI. Instead of 2-hour after school detentions for discipline, we will now be holding Friday School on Friday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Students who are assigned a discipline detention are to report to the main office in the morning with work to do in order to serve their detention. Homework Tables will still be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Missing something? The lost and found at Central is overflowing with hats, coats, sweatshirts, gloves, socks, and all kinds of other articles. Please remind your student to check for their belongings if something is missing at home.

