

# Healy Highlights & Reminders

## December Principal News

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec 6- BAC/PAC College Fund Illinois: 8:15 AM
- ◆ Dec 12- NWEA Testing begins
- ◆ Dec 13-BAC/PAC Ornament Making: 8:15 AM
- ◆ Dec 14- Opera for All Winter Showcase, 4<sup>th</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Dec 15- LSC Meeting
- ◆ Dec 16-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bazaar
- ◆ Dec 20 - Student of the Month Breakfast
- ◆ Dec 22- Holiday Show
- ◆ Dec 24 to Jan 8  
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- ◆ Jan 9 - Return to School  
End of Winter Break
- ◆ Jan 9-Progress Report Distribution

### NWEA WINTER TESTING WINDOW

Our students will begin the mid-year NWEA testing starting the week of December 12th until January 27th. There will be no testing during the week of December 19th-23rd. Testing will resume after returning from the Winter Break. This is a very important mid-year test for our students and staff. The data we gather from this test will allow us to drive our instruction for the remainder of the year in order to best prepare our students for the future. If you have any questions about NWEA and/or any other assessments we administer in our school, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

### CLASSROOM PARTIES

The Holiday parties are one of the few times of the year that we are exempt from the Healy School Certification. Classroom parties are scheduled for Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers will be communicating more detailed information home.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

We ask that you listen to media sources for information during emergencies and school closings. During even small events like snow, callers often jam the lines seeking information that is readily available on our website, the radio, and television. An overflow of calls takes staff members away from other critical tasks during an emergency. Healy is part of the Chicago Public School (CPS) system, so when Chicago Public Schools are delayed, closed, or dismissing early, Healy is as well. Please remember that our school's website ([healy.cps.edu](http://healy.cps.edu)), the CPS information hotline (773-553-1000), and the CPS website ([cps.edu](http://cps.edu)), are excellent sources of information about

school closings and unusual events.

### THANK YOU

The safety of our students is our utmost priority. Thank you all for your support of our new morning traffic plan. We appreciate your continued patience as we work through the issues while prioritizing the safety of our students. As a reminder, please follow all traffic laws as violators may be ticketed.

### BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for cold and/or snowy weather so that, when weather permits, students may participate in outside recess.

### UNIFORM

With the cold weather approaching, students may wear long sleeved shirts underneath their uniform shirt as long as they are white or the same color as the polo. In addition, during snow and rain, students wearing boots are encouraged to bring a change of shoes

### HOLIDAY UPDATES AND WISHES

School is closed for two weeks beginning Monday December 26th. During winter break there will be many opportunities to create a stronger bond with your child while he or she rejuvenates for the New Year. The holidays are good times for story telling around the dinner table or routines like bedtime reading that cultivate connections between home and school. Children do best with regular schedules, and I encourage you to prepare for their return to school on January 9<sup>th</sup> by instilling in them an understanding about the importance of being rested and ready to learn.

Thank you parents for your continued support in ensuring all of our students are successful. Happy New Year and Warm Holiday Wishes from our Healy School family to yours.