



NEWS from the CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS

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HIGH SCHOOL

Chagrin Falls Senior Class representative Julie Leary presented Meals on Wheels Trustee, Tom Mattern, a check for \$1050 for use by the organization for holiday meal expenses. The money represented the profit from the 3rd Annual Staff/ Senior Coed Flag Football game held recently. The Staff earned their first victory in a hard fought 34 – 28 game.

GURNEY

The Third graders are very excited for the upcoming holidays! They are working on many projects and crafts in preparation of this special season. Students will be learning about holiday traditions around the World and writing doing some creative writing on their own holiday traditions as well. They are eagerly anticipating their final Gurney Holiday Show on December 20th. The Third graders are also busy preparing for their upcoming Health Fair. Each classroom has completed a study of health and safety, and now the students are creating games and activities based on their own learning! They will be rotating around to all the classrooms to see the imaginative creations of all the student groups. Many inventive games and activities are being prepared! The excitement is growing for the Health Fair each day! Third graders will also be starting on the decorations for the big Holiday Show here at Gurney. Everyone works together to create a beautiful back drop for the show.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Tis the season! It is that time of year for the Winter Concert Season! This week the fifth and sixth grade band members at the Intermediate school entertained the students and parents with a beautiful concert. Our students were led by Mrs. Kathy Shoenfelt and Mr. David Clare who work with students five days a week. Also, our fifth and sixth grade orchestra and select choir members performed later in the week. They were led by Mrs. Shoenfelt, Mr. Clare and Mrs. Pat Haynish. The orchestra members also work five days a week while the select choir members meet two days a week after school. All students did a wonderful job and their hard work and practice certainly paid off! This is a great way to get into the spirit of the Holidays!

Thank You to Citrus Sale Supporters

The Chagrin Falls Music Lovers would like to thank the students and staff of Chagrin Falls Schools, as well as the Chagrin Falls community for their generous support of this year's citrus sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit our music and drama programs throughout the year. A special thanks to the volunteers who helped make this year's sale a success. Pick up for the fruit will be Friday December 14th from 3-7PM at the Chagrin Falls Recreation Building located at the Chagrin Falls 7-12 campus, 400 E. Washington Street.

Parent Education Opportunity Offered

Chagrin Falls High School will offer parents the opportunity to connect in a nationally acclaimed parent discussion group beginning January 9th. Sponsored by Community Partnership For Youth (CP4Y), participants will meet in small groups to examine and discuss issues parents of teens are likely to face.

The format will be similar to a book group and discussions will be guided using the new 2007 edition of *Please Stop the Rollercoaster! How Parents of Teenagers Can Smooth Out the Ride* by Sue Blaney. Some of the discussion topics include: improving communication, keeping teens from engaging in risky behavior, "normal" teen development, exploring parents' changing roles, and supporting your teen in school.

The discussion group program is comprised of eight sessions, with meetings scheduled every other Wednesday at noon beginning January 9th in the Sands Community Room. Please register early so that the textbooks can be ordered. Send a \$29.95 check (payable to CP4Y) to Carol Nash, 817 Sun Ridge Lane, South Russell, OH 44022 or call 440-338-1089 for more information.

Save the Date

The After Prom Fundraiser, "Fat Friday" will be held on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 7:00p.m. at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club.