

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL ONE  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays!

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** We greet you at the close of what has been a very busy month, and with the anticipation of a hectic holiday season ahead. I'd like to commend the faculty for all their hard work over recent weeks as we conducted parent/teacher conferences. I hope you were pleased with the information about your child during your conference. Two of our goals were (1) to develop a partnership between parents and teachers, and (2) to attain your support as we strive to enable our students to reach their maximum potential. As educators, we appreciate all that you do to extend your child's learning, and we look forward to your continued involvement.

While we were unable to have our annual visit from our Veterans, I want to thank our students who participated in writing thank you notes. I am positive that it brought a smile to their faces. We are always indebted for their service to our country. In addition, I'd like to thank the Rotary Club for visiting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students and presenting them with dictionaries. Their support year after year in providing dictionaries to our students to achieve academic success is invaluable.

I would also like to recognize the PTA SOS Committee and the Kids Care Club for their Thanksgiving Food Drive collection. The abundant donations are greatly appreciated. Items will be distributed to local food pantries, including IHM, Fanwood Presbyterian, and St. Bartholomew. We are grateful for your support and kindness.

Every year, we support School One families in need during the holiday season. We are proud to say we are able to continue this tradition with our "Flurries of Kindness". Thank you for those families that were able to grab a snowflake to donate a gift to add some holiday cheer to our families in need. We kindly ask that ***items be returned unwrapped by December 10<sup>th</sup>***. Please remember to attach your snowflake to the item. If you have any questions, contact the Main Office.

As the holidays approach, both children and adults experience excitement, joy, and stress. This time of year also provides opportunities for visiting family and friends, as well as other obligations resulting in some late evenings. Our students put forth a great deal of effort and energy throughout the school day. It is extremely important for them to maintain a regular schedule to remain healthy, alert and prepared for school. Please encourage your child to stay focused and put forth their best effort in terms of class work and homework assignments.

On behalf of the School One Staff, we would like to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and all the best in the New Year!

**IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:**

December 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	- PTA Holiday Boutique
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- CHOP Pajama Day
	- PTA Holiday Plant Sale Pick Up
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	- End of Trimester 1
	- PTA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Movie Night @ 6:30 p.m.
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Grades available on PowerSchool Parent Portal
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	- Pajama Day
	- Virtual Holiday Sing-A-Long for Staff & Students
Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> – Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	- Schools Closed for Winter Break