

# MANHATTAN JR HIGH

## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE OFFICE

Manhattan Junior High School would like to thank all of our students and families who helped support Toys for Tots and the Manhattan Food Pantry. Your response is appreciated. Through the generosity of our school community, we are able to help many families during the holiday season. Finally, on behalf of Manhattan Jr. High School, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Happy New Year and see you in 2010.

### REMINDER

Just a reminder winter break begins December 18, 2009 through January 3, 2010. School resumes on January 4, 2010. No school on January 18, 2010 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Early dismissal day on January 29, Jr High is 12:00 PM, Anna McDonald 12:45, and Wilson Creek 1:00 PM.

### GRADUATION PICTURES

8th grade graduation pictures are on January 27, 2010.

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Call your child's school phone number (Manhattan Jr. High – 815-478-6090), or the district phone number (815-478-6093). Then, press 5 to hear updated information about school closings.

Parents have other options to receive information on whether our school will follow PLAN A: School is closed or PLAN B: School will begin one hour later than usual. These options are as follows:

1. Listen to WJOL Radio (1340 AM), WGN Radio (720 AM), WBBM Radio (780 AM), CBS Channel 2, NBC Channel 5, ABC Channel 7, WGN Channel 9, Fox Channel 32 and CLTV Cable.
2. By touch-tone phone call 312-222-SNOW. You will be prompted to enter our main phone number 815-478-4527.
3. Access the website [www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com). Once connected, search for Wilson Creek School for information. Parents can sign-up to receive an e-mail notification through this website.

**EARLY DISMISSAL:** If it becomes necessary to close school during the day, an announcement will be made on WJOL (1340 AM) radio. Our school will attempt to contact Wilson Creek, Anna McDonald, and requested Manhattan Junior High parents, only in the event of an early dismissal. Make sure your child has proper instructions as to what to do!

## REPORT CARDS

The second quarter ends January 15. Report cards will be mailed January 22.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Emily Dobczyk, Jordan Davis, Madison Graves, Becca Bencsik, Pratalia Corbin, Brooke Bingham, Briana Logan, Kaley Albrecht, Harleigh Bailey, Jenna Ferguson, April Hooper, Caitlin Doyle.

7<sup>th</sup> grade: 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Bridget Wood, Kelly Nysten, Jenn Cambron, Marissa Dunbar, Alexis Rodgers, Kaitlyn Forsythe, Yasmin Pantoja, Alli Ramirez, Regan Hooper, Kayla Howard.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Manhattan Junior High's Student Council had a busy month this December. Thanks to the generous donation of candy canes, ribbon, and gift tags from Mrs. Kathryn Cumbo, parent of Sydney Cumbo, 6th grade Student Council member, over 160 candy cane reindeer were made as part of a school-wide Secret Santa activity. Money raised through our Secret Santa went to purchase gifts for needy children as part of the Manhattan's Angel Tree Project. Sydney Cumbo and Isabella Miller, both 6th grade Student Council members, echoed the same sentiment, "We loved this activity. It was for a really good cause."

## WELCOME

Please join me in welcoming our newest substitute school bus driver, Mr. W. Johnson. Mr. Johnson began driving for us last month so you may have had the pleasure of meeting him! If you are interested in learning what it takes to become a school bus driver, contact me at 815 478-3310 X 3.

## PARENTS

If you **haven't** sent in your email address please do, so we can start sending you the newsletters and other important information. Please fill out the attached form with your address information.

If your address changes please keep us updated. Thank you.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOM E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DAD E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 21 –  
Jan 3, 2010 Winter Break – **No School**  
Jan 4 School resume  
5 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Home 4 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Home 4 PM  
7 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> BBB Mokena 4 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Mokena 4 PM  
11 GVB @ Home 4 PM  
12 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Summit Hill 4 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Hilda Walker 4 PM  
13 GVB @ Home 4 PM  
14 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Home 4 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Home 4 PM  
15 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends  
18 **No School** – Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
20 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Home 4 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Home 4 PM  
21 GVB @ Home 4 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Kelvin Grove 4 PM  
22 Report Cards Home  
Women's Club Dance 7 – 9 PM  
25 GVB @ Home 4 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> BBB Regional  
26 7<sup>th</sup> BBB Regional  
27 7<sup>th</sup> BBB Regional  
Graduation Pictures  
28 7<sup>th</sup> BBB Regional  
29 Early Release 12 PM

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