



The Oberle Update

We are very thankful to have such talented and creative students enrolled in Yearbook this year. Below are articles they wrote for the December Oberle Newsletter. Enjoy!

Birthstones

The December birthstones are blue topaz, turquoise, tanzanite, and zircon. People with the Zodiac signs of Sagittarius and Capricorn, it's your time to show that the cold doesn't bring you down. The Sagittarius' secret key is to know the meaning of life while feeling positive and accomplished. Capricorn is ambitious and determined at achieving their goals one step at a time.

By: Hannah B.

National Eat a Red Apple Day

The old saying goes "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." On December 1st, the school will be participating in National Eat a Red Apple Day. The kitchen will be providing red apples for the students and teachers to eat. Today, about 10,000 types of apples are grown all over the world. Though, the most common are red and green apples. You can look at #NationalEatARedAppleDay on Instagram or Facebook to see other people around the world eating red apples.

By: Kyana D.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was bombed, which was the beginning of the United States involvement in WWII. Vice Admiral Nagaimo sent 353 Japanese bombers to Pearl Harbor, who blew up the United States entire naval base. They also destroyed 19 ships, 188 aircrafts, and killed over 2,000 American citizens. By this act, the U.S.A. was brought into WWII. During this event the President was Franklin D. Roosevelt. For respect of our fellow Americans, on December 7th we will have a moment of silence here at school following the Pledge of Allegiance.

By: Mackenzie G.

History of Hanukkah

Around 200 B.C. Judea came under control of the Jews and lead them to becoming less powerful. His soldiers descended upon Jerusalem and desecrated the city's holy Second Temple. Then the Jewish priest, Mattathias, and his five sons led a large-scale rebellion. They drove the Syrians straight out of Jerusalem, where in honor of their victory, they began to light the gold candelabrum, in which all of its seven branches represented all knowledge and creation, and kept on burning every night. The Hanukkah Miracle: It is said that olive oil kept the menorah's candles burning for eight days. The wondrous event inspired the people to proclaim an eight-day festival, which then created the first book of Maccabees. Other Hanukkah traditions: Some places celebrate the holiday with a menorah that holds nine candles, some light the menorah after sundown, and some people exchange gifts to each other.

By: Sean E.

Christmas

What is Christmas about? What is the Christmas legend? Christmas is a time for family and friends to get together and exchange gifts. Also people believe in Santa Claus or St. Nicholas. Here is the story of the birth of baby Jesus. An angel named Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have God's baby. Mary and her husband, Joseph, lived in a town called Nazareth. They traveled to the city of Bethlehem to register for a census, ordered by the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus. The trip to Bethlehem took several days. They ended up spending the night in a stable the night baby Jesus was born. The angels told the Shepherds to hurry to Bethlehem since Jesus was being born. Mary is considered the "Holy Mother." Sometime later the three wise men saw a star in the sky. The star brought them to the king of Judea. When the three wise men got to the stable they bowed to baby Jesus and gave him gifts of gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. The shepherds came also and bowed down to Jesus. Christians believe that the story in the Bible is true and that Jesus is the true Savior.

By: Hannah B.

Counseling Column

Saturday, December 3 @ 1:00pm:

Spotsylvania's 38th Annual Holiday Parade
(540) 507-7090 tourism@spotsylvania.va.us
Courthouse Rd
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Saturday, December 3 @ 5:30pm:

The City of Fredericksburg, Virginia Parks & Recreation Department, and Huber Motor Cars are excited to fill the streets with Christmas cheer at the 2016 Christmas Parade (Downtown Fredericksburg)!

Saturday, December 17:

Rappahannock Pops Orchestra at Stafford High School Theatre
10:00am-Sensory friendly performances are designed to create a performing arts experience that is welcoming to all families with children with Autism or other disabilities that create sensory sensitivities. Admission is FREE and open to the public. Ticket reservations are required. Request tickets at scpsartsdepartment@gmail.com.

Emergency Assistance

Physical, emotional, and spiritual assistance is offered during office hours. We can provide emergency bags of food and clothing. Distribution of emergency bags Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am-12pm & 1-3pm @ Bragg Hill Family Life Center.

400 Bragg Hill Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
(540) 371-3662 main number



We're On a Roll!!!

Congratulations to the following students for earning "A" Honor Roll for the 2nd 6 weeks:

Jackson L., Joey S., Josh C., Josh L., Laily Q., and Makayla C.

Congratulations to the following students for earning "A/B" Honor Roll for the 2nd 6 Weeks:

Brian S., Cameron C., Cameron D., Charlie M., Ethan C., Libby E., James C., Jeremy B., Jeremy S., Kyana, Mackenzie G., Makenna D., Matthew W., Noah N., Lee G., Sara S., Sean E., Travoris R., and Victor.

Keep up the excellent work! We are proud of you and hope you are proud of yourself ☺

Word of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY

December Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Tuna Sandwich Pasta Salad	2 Pizza Berry Trifle
5 Beef Tacos Pinto Beans	6 Turkey Rice Soup Salad	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chips	8 Hot Dogs Kale Santa Crunch Popcorn	9 Pizza Salad Peppermint Brownies
12 Cheeseburgr French Fries	13 Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Corn	14 Egg Salad Sandwich Pretzels	15 Honey Roasted Pork Squash	16 Holiday Veggie Tree Pizza Star Cookies
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Important Dates:

December 1: Report Cards
 December 3: Inclement Weather Make Up Day
 December 6-15: SOL testing
 December 7: Clubs
 December 8: Poinsettia Sale Delivery
 December 10: Inclement Weather Make Up Day
 December 13: Salvation Army Kettle Ringing
 December 14: Reward Day-Spotsylvania Towne Centre
 December 19-30: No School - Winter Break
 January 2: School Resumes
 January 4: Clubs/Interim Reports
 January 7: Inclement Weather Make Up Day
 January 11: Reward Day- TBD
 January 16: No School-MLK, Jr. Day
 January 18: Clubs
 January 20: 4th Block Award Recognition
 January 21: Inclement Weather Make Up Day
 January 23: Exams/Early Dismissal
 January 24: Exams/End of Grading Period/Early Dismissal
 January 25: Second Semester Begins
 January 28: Inclement Weather Make Up Day
 January 31: Report Cards

Reminders to Students:

- SOL tests will be administered between December 6 and December 15. Be sure you get plenty of sleep the night before and eat a nutritious breakfast the morning of your tests!
- Show your Bulldog **PRIDE** to earn all of your points. Be prepared to learn, respectful of yourself and others, work towards independence, follow directions, and put forth your best effort.
- Cell phone privileges may be revoked for continued misuse. Don't let this be you!

Reminders to Parents:

- Please help support our holiday food drive! We are collecting non-perishable food items to help support our families in need.
- December 16 is the last day of school for 2016. School will resume on Monday, January 2 following our winter break.
- If your child is absent from school please notify Mrs. Sharp at X 127 or send in a note with your child upon their return.
- Open door policy—feel free to call or stop by anytime!

Bulldog Barks

Happy Birthday!

Cameron D	Dec 16
Laily	Dec 16
Khadijah	Dec 17
Libby	Dec 17
Jackson	Dec 17
Noah	Dec 17
Bryce	Dec 18

Get ready for another door decorating contest! 3rd block classes will design and decorate their doors to celebrate the holiday season! Let's see what creative ideas you have up your sleeves! Students will vote on their favorites!

Be on the look-out for our Adopt-a-Trail signs which will mark two segments of the bike path behind the school. For the past two years the Interact Club has maintained an area of the path stretching from the corner of Cobblestone & Willis to Blue & Gray Parkway!



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