

12-4-2023

Dear Lower School Families,

The Winter Concert planning and rehearsals are in full swing. This is always a huge event for us. It is a full K-5 show in Founders Theater on December 14 at 7pm. Doors open at 6:45.

Important notes:

- Class schedules vary in December as we weave in practices for the concert. Reducing late arrivals and early pick-ups would really help keep classes together for instruction and practice.
- If your child will NOT be in town or participating in the concert on December 14, please email [cynthia.romoff@sgs.org](mailto:cynthia.romoff@sgs.org) ASAP so she can plan for staging and singing/instrumentation roles.
- Cynthia had almost 50 students audition for solo/ensemble parts in the concert. There is room for only about 10 or 11 students to do those parts. Please help your child accept with grace if they were not chosen for this year's concert.

Also, thank you in advance to any parents who are contributing to the refreshments for the Winter Concert. The Parent Association is coordinating.

December 7—Auditions will be after school for SGS's production of Wizard of Oz. See your child's Edsby Homeroom Class page for all the details from Cynthia.

December 8—**Lower School Basketball Night** This is a community event that all families are encouraged to attend. Starting around 4:00 or 4:30, there will be a Winter Tailgater with food and activities in the Dragons Den before the girls' varsity game at 6:00. The boys' game begins at 7:30. The Little Dragon Cheerleaders will be cheering at both games. Please mark your calendars to help our high school teams earn two early-season wins. **Little Dragons Cheer Team meets with coaches at 5:30 pm in the Little Gym, then it's go-time!**

THANK YOU—to the fifth-grade parents for treating the staff to an immense Chipotle luncheon spread last week, and to Sarah Knudsen for coordinating the effort. The food lasted several days and was supremely delicious!

Snowy Travel Days—When road conditions are dicey but school is still in session, please know that we value safety over everything. We expect some students to be late on these days, because our families come from about 33 different zip codes. That is a huge area, and road conditions can vary greatly. In the Lower School, we hold off on doing attendance until about 9:00 or until all five busses have arrived. Please do not worry about late arrivals on such days.

Upcoming Lego Robotics Competitions—Saint George's has four levels of robotics teams, starting in the Lower School. All teams are associated with FIRST, and international organization. The teams have been busy preparing for some early-December competitions. Please consider visiting and seeing robotics in action.

- Dec. 9 in Freeman FLL Explore (grades 3 and 4), times TBD
- Dec. 10 in Freeman FLL Challenge (grade 5 and 6), Spectators are welcome to watch at noon or a little after.

Basketball Season has begun! Booster Club Opportunity (ongoing)—The Booster Club has set up a sign-up genius for those of you interested in working the concession stand this year. No experience necessary! Working concessions is a GREAT way to meet new people, connect with other parents, and be excellent Dragon ambassadors to visiting teams and fans. Check out this link, [Booster Club Concessions](#); I will leave it on my letter most of the year. There are immediate opportunities, and please refer to it as often as you like as your schedules come more into focus later this fall, and into the winter and spring. Thank you, Booster Club, for all you do!

Edsby Attendance Feature—Many families are using this to inform Shannon of absences, late arrivals, early dismissals, or planned absences for upcoming family trips. It is exceedingly helpful and efficient. If you haven't yet used this Edsby feature, please consider doing so. Shannon would be happy to walk you through the process, so please feel free to call her at 464-8743.

### Important Dates

**December 7—SGS Wizard of Oz auditions after school. Cynthia has posted all important info on your students' Edsby Homeroom Class. Please read carefully and thoroughly.**

December 8—Lower School Basketball Night—come join us and the Little Dragons Cheer Team!

December 9 and 10—LEGO Robotics competitions—see narrative above

December 14—Lower School Winter Concert, 7pm curtain time. Start looking for details on class Edsby pages, especially Music class pages. Plan now to attend this wonderful event!

December 15—Friday Assembly and Half-Day of School (12:10 dismissal, busses roll at 12:20)

January 19—LS Variety Show during Friday Assembly (Founders Theater)—details coming before Winter Break!

January 23—Entry forms due for All School Talent Show—details first week in January!

January 23—Lower School auditions for all-school talent show during recess break

January 31—All School Talent Show 6pm, Founders Theater

Feature articles/photos of general Lower School happenings are here: <https://sgs.org/lower-school-news/>  
Go Dragons!

Sincerely,



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