



Lumberjack News

Volume 13 Issue 4

December 2008

**Deposit Central
Middle/High School**

**Special Points of
Interest:**

- 12/8 - Site Based Mtg. 5:00 p.m.
- 12/8 - B.O.E. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- 12/8 - Winter Sports Pictures 3:00 p.m. Elem. Gym
- 12/15 - National Honor Society Inductions 6:30 p.m.
- 12/18 - Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 12/24-1/2 - NO SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL NYS ASSESSMENTS COMING IN JANUARY

Middle School students will begin taking the **NYS Assessments** in January. The English Language Arts (ELA) Exams are scheduled to be administered between January 20, 2009 and January 23, 2009. Please help your child be successful by encouraging him/her to have a positive attitude going into the test, make sure they have the materials they need (pencils, erasers, etc.), make sure they get a good nights sleep and have a good breakfast. Also, attendance is extremely important – if possible, please do not schedule appointments on these testing days. If any student misses any portion (or all) of the test, they will be required to make it up.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TO INDUCT NEW MEMBERS DECEMBER 15HT

The Deposit Chapter of National Honor Society will be inducting new members on Monday, December 15 at 6:30. The current members: Brittany Stanton, Kenney Keefe, Tara Mason, Jamie Brown, Zach Matthews, Tia Scott and Josh Sedlock will welcome a large group of new members as they induct them at a formal ceremony on Dec. 15. In order to be considered a member of NHS, a student must maintain an 88 average, be a junior or senior, and demonstrate leadership, service and character in their every day life, both in and out of school. The public is invited to attend and friends and family of the new members (whose identity is a secret until the school announcement assembly) are cordially asked to come and see their family member/friend as he/she is honored at this celebration.

HOLIDAY CONCERT DECEMBER 18TH

The DCS Middle-High School Music Department will present its annual Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 P.M. in the high school auditorium. Four musical groups will be performing: Middle School Chorus will be singing, as will Senior High Chorus; Grades 6-12 Band will perform, along with the DCS Jazz Band. As part of the evening's activities, new members of Deposit's Chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society will be officially inducted. Tri-M is a nationally recognized honor society for music students. Our new members will be honored and inducted into this prestigious group of musicians. Come listen to our talented students as they entertain you with a variety of music, including some music of the season to get you in that holiday mood.



"SEND A MESSAGE CANDY CANE"



The freshman, Class of 2012 will be selling "Send A Message Candy Canes" Starting Dec. 16th with a delivery date of Dec. 23rd. Each candy cane costs 50 cents with a free personalized message attached. Come support DCS freshman in this wonderful holiday event. Show some one you care by purchasing them a little something sweet while supporting a class who cares to share their holiday spirit.

GREETINGS FROM MS. PHILLIPS AND MR. RICHARDS

It is my hope that your December is off to a great start! November has been an exciting month. We have much to celebrate! Our eighth grade students represented our school on two academic field trips. First, the class traveled to the Teen Health Summit at the Owego Treadway to learn about making healthy and positive choices. Next, they visited The Roberson Museum and Science Center for a day of interdisciplinary learning.

Along with these educational trips, both middle and high school students achieving honor roll status were celebrated at an awards ceremony during the school day on November 18th. Students took a moment away from their classes to enjoy a delicious treat and receive an award marking their academic success. Mr. Richards and I are proud of our students for their hard work and dedication! Speaking of hard work, congratulations to the high school business group, also known as S.E.L.L., for their recent efforts hosting a successful talent show and “Madden Tournament.” Fun was had by all at both events!

In an effort to honor model students at the middle school level, the middle school educators have continued to name “Lumberjack Leaders” on a bi-weekly basis. Congratulations to our most recent Lumberjack Leaders: Brittany Hauser, Kaitlyn Mineau, Abigail Moore, Katherine Tiffany, Daniel Babcock, Matthew Mills, Lacey Ryder, Deidra Taylor, Heidi Faulkner, Nicholas Garnsey, Logan Hotaling, and Harmony Seymour.

Please remember that Winter Recess will take place December 24th-January 4th. School will resume on January 5th.

On behalf of Mr. Richards and myself, thank you for your support as we strive to provide an academically strong experience for Deposit students. We wish you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable winter season. As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAMS

We are pleased to announce that student support teams are fully functioning at the middle and high school levels. The teams are made up of school professionals who come together to brainstorm ideas and strategies to assist students who are having some type of difficulty succeeding in the classroom. The teams include teachers, the school social worker, the school psychologist, the school guidance counselor, and the principal. Meetings occur once a month to allow team members to discuss and review students and to monitor their progress. Parents are an important part of this process. You would be notified prior to a meeting if your child was going to be discussed at the meeting. Additionally, team members would contact you following the meeting to share strategies that would be implemented to support your student. Of course, if you ever have a concern about your child’s progress, please contact the guidance office. Your input is valued and appreciated!



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TO COLLECT FOR TOYS FOR TOTS DECEMBER 1ST—15TH

Members of the Deposit Chapter of the National Honor Society will be circulating among classrooms during morning announcements starting Monday, December 1 to collect new or nearly new toys for the Deposit Foundation’s *Toys for Tots* annual toy drive. Students are asked to bring in toys they would like to receive. They should not be wrapped, and in new condition, still in the box, if possible. In past years the DCS students have been very generous and made the holidays a little brighter for local children. This year may be especially difficult for parents to give their children a happy holiday, so NHS is asking students to help out. As you do your present shopping for your family, please pick something up for someone who might need a little help this year. This is also a competition: each average size toy counts as one; small toys, such as matchbox cars count as 5 = 1 toy. Please, no fast food promotional toys. Remember—something you would want to receive. The B Block class that brings in the most toys will receive choice of a class breakfast of breakfast pizza OR cinnamon rolls and/or muffins. The last day to donate is December 15, so let’s get those toys together and bring them in to your AB or B Block classes.

TRI-M TO COLLECT FOR FOOD PANTRY DECEMBER 3-17

The Deposit Chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society will begin its annual food drive to support the local Food Pantry on December 3. Members of Tri-M will be around during announcements to collect non-perishable items of food such as soups, canned macaroni, canned dinners, boxed dinners, boxed macaroni, etc. for our local food pantry. The drive will take place December 3 – 17. All items collected will remain here in Deposit. The food pantry generously donates food to so many, especially at Thanksgiving time, and will be in need of a restocking of its shelves, so please help out by bringing food in to school. The students in the classroom that bring in the most food over this time period will receive gift certificates at Deposit's Rock on Café (the cafeteria). Please be generous with your food donations, and thank you!

Yearbook deadlines for Seniors

Due to change in yearbook page deadlines, we are extending the deadline for senior portraits, baby pictures and senior quotes until Friday, December 19. All graduating seniors are asked to turn in a senior portrait, or make arrangements to have Sunset Photo/Oakdale Images take your portrait (798-0909) **no later than Friday, December 19** to assure publication of it in this year's DCS *Acorns* yearbook. We also need a baby picture (age birth-3 years) and a senior quote—a statement or phrase that is important, words to live by. These may all be given to Mrs. Evans (room 119), left in her mailbox in the main office, or given to Lydia Krembs, yearbook editor. If you want a yearbook photo taken, but do not intend to purchase any photos, you may still call Oakdale Images at 798-0909. Tell them it is a yearbook photo for Deposit Middle-High School and they will not charge a sitting fee for this yearbook photo. All photos taken by Oakdale Images will be sent to the DCS yearbook. **All seniors who had photos taken by Oakdale Images, need to see Mrs. Evans to approve your photo. Stop and see Mrs. Evans BEFORE December 19 to approve your photo.**

Work With Teachers If Your Child Is In Need Of Motivation

School is demanding, and most students, even those who do well, will sometimes need a little “boost”. If this happens to your child, know that one person alone may not be able to “fix” the problem. But a joint effort between you, the school and your child can get him back on track. Some ideas:

- **Stay Neutral:** When talking to your child. Focus on solving the problem, not on placing blame on your child or the teacher.
- **Encourage Your Child:** To ask for help. Teachers usually want to help struggling students and they have lots of good ideas.
- **Remember:** That the teacher wants your child to succeed. Don't go to the teacher with a defensive attitude.
- **Help Your Child Strengthen:** School skills at home. While that can mean drilling him/her on homework, also work on qualities that help him/her be effective in the classroom. This includes listening and asking questions. Listen closely when he/she talks.

