



# Caring Community Update

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December 22, 2009

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School is Closed for  
 Winter Break

from noon on

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

and re-opens again on

Monday, January 4, 2010

At 8:15 am

The Faculty and Staff of  
 New Foundations Charter School  
 wishes everyone in our  
 Caring Community of Families  
 A joyous Holiday and  
 A Healthy and Happy New Year.

## NFCS Activities

12/28/09 through 01/01/10

- **Monday, December 28, 2009 through Friday, January 1, 2010**  
 School Closed for Winter Break
- **Monday, January 4th**  
 School Re-Opens  
 Student Council-7:30 am  
 Parent/Teacher Conferences-3:15 pm
- **Tuesday, January 5th**  
 Beginning Band Lessons-During School Hours  
 Beginning Band Practice-3:00 to 3:45 pm  
 Girls' Basketball Games @ Northwood-3:45 pm
- **Wednesday, January 6th**  
 Advanced Band Lessons- During School Hours  
 Advanced Band Practice-3:00 to 3:45 pm  
 High School Test Prep-3:00 to 5:00 pm  
 Girls' Basketball Practice-3:00 to 4:15 pm
- **Thursday, January 7th**  
 Girls' Basketball Practice-3:00 to 4:15 pm  
 Home & School Exec. Committee Meeting-3:30 pm
- **Friday, January 8th**  
 Dress Down Day
- **Saturday, January 9th**  
 PSSA Test Prep-8:00 to 11:00 am



## WINTER HOLIDAY SHOW

Wednesday, December 23rd - 8:30 am

The Student Council is sponsoring this annual Winter event. Classes will be performing a skit, song or dance to entertain us.

All NFCS families are invited to join us for what will surely be a fun morning.

## FREE PAJAMA DAY

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

It has become a tradition that all students may wear their pajamas to school on this last day before Winter Break.

Student Council will be providing milk and cookies after the show for a holiday treat.



**THERE WILL BE 12:00 NOON  
 DISMISSAL ON  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD FOR  
 WINTER BREAK**

**THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH SERVED  
 ON THIS DAY**

**THERE WILL BE NO AFTER CARE  
 AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.**

**SCHOOL WILL REOPEN ON  
 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010  
 FOR A FULL DAY OF CLASSES  
 AND PROGRAMS**

All Student Absences must be called into the Main Office by 8:30 am.

All Homework requests must be made to the Main Office no later than 8:30 am

The Main Office will not be responsible for passing on any items forgotten by students

No student dismissal changes will be accepted by the Main Office after 2:00 pm.



## 8th Grade Graduation Update

Remember to complete a High School Shadow Visit Request Form before your child visits any potential high school.

**AND**

There will be a graduation planning meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Lecture Hall.

All decisions will be made by those parents and guardians attending the planning meetings.

### BINGO DONATIONS NEEDED

The Home & School needs your help! Please donate items which can be used as a prize or added to a gift basket for Family BINGO Night.

Please make sure your child's name is on the item so that volunteer hours can be credited to you.

### CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WINTER BREAK

To help NFCS families during Winter Break, Ms. Gwen will be providing child care on Monday, December 28th, Tuesday, December 29th, Wednesday, December 30th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm here at school.

Ms. Gwen asks that you please talk with her as soon as possible so that she is aware of which children to expect on each of these days

The cost is \$10.00 per day per child.

*Each child must bring their own snack and lunch.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
AND SAVE THE EVENING  
OF  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010  
FOR



Home & School Association



### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Ongoing throughout the year.

### SCRIP

Scrip is available throughout the year. Remember, for every \$100 of scrip you buy you earn 1 hour of volunteer time.

### PSSA TEST PREP UPDATE

There will be no Saturday PSSA Test Prep Classes on Saturday, December 26, 2009 and January 2, 2010. Classes will resume on Saturday, January 9, 2010

## Things To Remember

### Inclement Weather

Listen to KYW for School Closings  
NFCS' Number is

**171**

If Philadelphia Public Schools are closed, we also are closed.  
If Public Schools are open we still may be closed

### Pretzels

Pretzels are sold every Wednesday.  
The cost per pretzel is 30 cents.

Proceeds go toward the Home & School Association for student activities.

### Ink Cartridges

Send in all of your used ink cartridges.  
The school recycles them and earns a great deal of money.

### Lost & Found

Lost & Found located in the Lunch Room.  
Remember to periodically check for lost items because everything left in the Lost & Found more than 1 month is donated to charity.

### Phone Drive

Send in all of your used and unwanted cell phones.  
We recycle them and earn a great deal of money.

### Campbell's Labels/Box Tops for Education

Remember to send in your Campbell's Products' Labels and Box Tops for Education. We redeem them for needed educational equipment as well as cash.

### Free Library Homework Hotline

Help is available in all subjects and can assist with concepts and editing reports. Log on to [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov) and Click on to the word Homework Help

### Volunteer Clearance Reminder

You must have your Child Abuse and Criminal Background Clearances if you want to volunteer anywhere around

NFCS students.

Clearance forms are available at the office.