

*season's greetings*

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Good afternoon,

Happy December! It seems like time is flying even more quickly these days, doesn't it? To kick off the month, our fantastic PTA officers and volunteers supported our Holiday Shop, which provided a space for our students to do some holiday shopping for family and friends. Our library transformed into the holiday shop and our volunteers worked as elves to support our students' shopping experience.

As we navigate the next few weeks leading up to winter break, it is important to keep in mind that holidays and long breaks, while exciting for lots of students, can actually be stressful for some. Our teachers and staff will continue to do their best to create a nurturing and safe environment for all of our students throughout the holiday season and beyond. If there is anything that we as a school community can do to help you, please don't hesitate in reaching out to us.

Enjoy the weekend!

## NOTES FOR FAMILIES

1. Our caring Palisades community is already reaching out to our school to see if any Tinicum families need their support this holiday season. If you could use some support during these trying financial times, please reach out to our counselor, Alison Dorward, [adorward@palisd.org](mailto:adorward@palisd.org), or (610)847-5131, x7005.
2. For our fourth/fifth grade families, in preparation for our upcoming winter concert:
  - students in the chorus will be participating in a dress rehearsal at Palisades High School on *Wednesday, December 15 from 2 - 4:30 PM*. Please remember to pick up your student(s) from Palisades High School **at 4:30 PM**.
  - students in the band and/or orchestra will be participating in a dress rehearsal at Palisades High School on *Thursday, December 16 from 2 - 5:30 PM*. Please remember to pick up your student(s) from Palisades High School **at 5:30 PM**.
3. Please be reminded that the lane in front of the school is a fire/emergency lane. When coming into the school, please use a visitor's parking space on the side of the building. Thank you!
4. [Here's a note](#) about the Palisades School District's annual Gift Giving Tree Project.
5. As a reminder, when visiting our school, be sure to have your driver's license with you so that Mrs. Doerr can process your visit and provide you with the appropriate sticker.

6. If you are interested in learning of ways to stay involved and to advocate for public education, take a few minutes to review [this website](#) that Dr. O'Connell has put together for advocacy.

## A PEEK INTO NEXT WEEK

Monday, December 6	Day 3	PTA Meeting at 6 PM in the library
Tuesday, December 7	Day 4	
Wednesday, December 8	Day 5	Before school <b>orchestra rehearsal</b> at 8 AM Gym Club at 3:45 PM
Thursday, December 9	Day 6	Before school <b>band rehearsal</b> at 8 AM
Friday, December 10	Day 1	SPIRIT DAY: Favorite sweatshirt/hoodie day!

Specials Rotation at Tinicum:

Days 1 and 2 - Art or Music

Days 3 and 4 - Library or Spanish

Days 5 and 6 - Health or Physical Education

## SAVE THE DATE(S)!

December 13	Before school <b>chorus rehearsal</b> at 8:00 AM
December 15	Elementary Chorus Dress rehearsal <b>at PHS</b> from 2:00 - <u>4:30</u> PM
December 16	Elementary Band and Orchestra Dress rehearsal <b>at PHS</b> from 2:30 - <u>5:30</u> PM
December 17	Gym Club at 3:45 PM Elementary Concert <b>at PHS</b> at 7 PM
December 24 - January 2, 2022	WINTER BREAK

My best,

*Dr. Michael W. Donnelly*