

PCS News 1/05/24

Dear PCS Community,

Happy new year! It has been great to hear so much about students' time away from school, and the things they were excited to share returning to their classrooms. It's been a nice week back this week and a pretty smooth re-entry to school with classrooms settling back into their winter routines.

Here is some information heading into the weekend:

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, Jan. 9th - First Winter Sports day!

Thursday, Jan. 11th - PCS Leadership Council Meeting @ 5:00 (in library and on Zoom)

Friday, Jan. 12th @ 6:00 PM - "Winter Fest" concert for Middle School choir and concert band, as well as 3rd-5th choir and beginning band

Monday, Jan. 15th - No School in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day

Wednesday, Jan. 17th - "JamFest" @ Next Stage (6:00) - Performances by Middle School Modern Band and Songwriting classes.

Monday, Jan. 22nd - No School for Teacher Inservice

Winter Sports:

This coming Tuesday starts our Winter Sports series, which will run for the next 6 Tuesday afternoons. All students will either be alpine skiing at Mt. Snow, XC skiing at the Brattleboro Outing Club, skating at the rink in Brattleboro, or participating in outdoor activities on campus. If you have questions about your child(ren)'s activities, please reach out to the office. All students

except those coming from Mt. Snow, will be back at school in time for regular transportation home.

Music Website:

Mr. T has made a PCS music website with important announcements and information. Here is the link, which is also on our website: <https://putneycentralmusic.weebly.com/>

Update from the Health Office:

Returning from break, we have seen high levels of illness in our community. As a reminder, please keep your children home if they are sick. In addition, students must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school, and must be 24 hours from any vomiting incident. Thanks for doing your part to keep us as healthy as possible this Winter.

Soda and Candy:

Related, I would like to ask that aside from very special occasions, we ask that students not bring sugary drinks or candy to school. Not only can it be detrimental to learning, but we find that it can create an unhealthy social dynamic that can be challenging - especially for younger students - to navigate.

PCS Community Workshops:

Finally, we have now had two successful and well-attended PCS community workshops! If there is a passion, interest or skill that you would like to share with our community, please consider running a workshop of any kind. Also, please stay tuned for upcoming workshops, and feel free to join any that you wish.

I hope you all have a nice weekend, and that we all navigate the incoming snow well! Please reach out if you ever need anything.

Best,

Jon

