

**Points of Interest
and
Upcoming Events**

Parents: Please consider volunteering to help at school dances and other events. We have a Carnival event coming up on Feb. 18th and need volunteers to help run this program. Your help is sincerely appreciated even if you can only stay for an hour or two. Call 684-1723 ext. 7421.

Other greeting card artwork is highlighted throughout this newsletter. Stunning work!

Note From The Principal

As we come back from our holiday break there are a lot of exciting and stressful things happening in the month of January. Our partnership with parents will continue as we hold our Booster Club meeting on the 19th at 6:30 pm, followed by our Wildcat Coffee Club on the 20th at 7:30 am. As always, we value input from all of our community members and hope that you will be able to join us for one of these events.

For students January is a time to celebrate and to focus on their studies. On the 22nd we will have our annual Kids Night Out where students can come back to school in the evening and participate in several activities and have a lot of fun. Also, the third week of January marks the end of first semester. While most students celebrate the half way point in the school year, our 8th graders taking classes for 9th grade credit will be taking final exams. We wish ALL of them the best of luck.

As you can see there is a lot going on in the month of January and our students need a lot of support both at home and at school. This is a stressful time for them and we will do our best to support them – please do your part as well. Thanks for all you do.

Matt Schmidt, Principal

Art Room Happenings:

The Art Room and Mr. Piotrowski would like to congratulate the following 7th grade students for having their work chosen to be made into greeting cards for our school board members. The watercolor paintings of Alivia Gellise, Caleb Reed, Charlotte Ombry, Cory Harder, and Noah Pavlawk will be made into a set of cards that will be combined with the work of 5 students from Western Middle School and presented to the Bay City Public School Board members during the January meeting at Mackensen Elementary. In addition to the gift cards, the individual work of 6th graders Nova Wujek, Joshua Snider, Hunter Geiger, and Chloe Latocki, 7th grader Chelsea Packard, and 8th grader Chad Peterson will be on display during the meeting.

Congratulations!!



Home of the
Wildcats



January 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Friends of Bay City Public Schools,

I hope you had a restful and joyous holiday break. January is School Board Recognition Month. If you have an opportunity to share your appreciation with any of our board members, I know they would be happy to hear from you. Our very dedicated school board members are: Marie McFarland, President; Pauline Helmling, Vice President; Amy DeHaan-Legge, Secretary, Patrick O'Shea, Treasurer; Ben Gibson, Trustee; Charles Hewitt, Trustee; and Phyllis Meeth, Trustee.

At our December Board of Education meeting, I was happy to report the status of our 2009-10 district goals. We are in line with our anticipated progress and many goals will remain a work in process. If you would like to review our district goals' brochure, you may access it at our website, "Inside our District" then "Board of Education." Or you can input this web address:

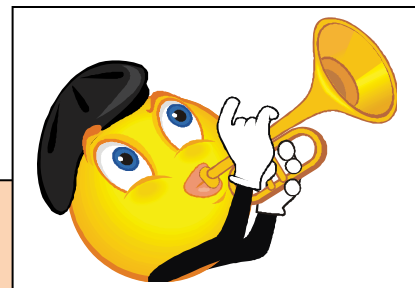
http://bcschools.net/images/stories/board-of-ed/2009-10_BOE_Brochure.pdf

In January, we'll be holding two Town Hall meetings – one at Western High School on Wednesday, January 13 and one at Central High on Thursday, January 21. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be held in the high schools' commons area. I hope you will consider participating.

At this writing, the Governor has given public education a one-month reprieve from an additional \$127 per-pupil reduction. That is on top of an already planned reduction of \$167 per pupil. Please know that, in spite of the financial challenges we currently face, we are taking every measure to continue to provide a high quality education for all of our students.

If you have comments or questions, I can be reached at newcombed@bcschools.net or 671-8165. I remain thankful for your interest and support of the Bay City Public Schools.

Sincerely,
Douglas L. Newcombe
Interim Superintendent



7th and 8th grade band spring Solo and Ensemble registration deadline is Friday, January 22, 2010. Registration forms will be sent home with students our first week back from break, and/or you may print them off of Edline. Spring Solo and Ensemble will be at Perry High School on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Transportation will not be provided. Please talk to Mrs. Harris if you are interested in carpooling!

Bay City Mall My School's Cool 2009 - 2010 Program

1st Semester: September 1, 2009 – December 18, 2009

2nd Semester: January 4, 2010 – May 21,



2010

Program Overview

My School's Cool (MSC) is a special, community program committed to building relationships with area schools and providing cash rewards for shopping at Bay City Mall.

Schools compete with each other for the highest accumulation of points per student and earn cash rewards. Participating schools earn points by shopping at Bay City Mall and submitting receipts to their school coordinator.

Each participating school will sign a contract to be eligible for the rewards program. The contract will promote honesty and accountability by all schools and their coordinators.

MSC primarily targets students, teachers, and parents, but will not be limited to only those audiences. This will encourage anyone who wants to support the program by allowing them to choose a school and submit receipts and/or participate in the other activities.

MSC Timeline & School Rewards

Participating schools will have the opportunity to receive cash rewards at the end of each semester. Rewards are calculated based on points per student so regardless of enrollment or size of your school, everyone has a chance to win.

\$10,000 total school rewards will be given away in both January 2010 and June 2010.

There are three basic ways for each school to redeem points:

- A) **Bay City Mall Display** - Customers can simply write the name of the school on the back of their store receipt and place it in the designated slot or bin for their school at the in mall display in the food court area. If a customer wishes to retain their mall receipt they can request a point pass from the mall office and place the point pass in the appropriate bin for their school.
- B) **Mall Office** - You can redeem points by visiting the Mall Management Office to have your receipt logged, stamped and validated for your school.
- C) **Participating School** - Each school is required to have a location for parents, students and teachers to drop off their receipt or point pass for designated MSC school coordinators.

ALL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR: BOYS SWIMMING, GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

HERE ARE SOME DETAILS REGARDING THIS YEARS TRY OUTS:

BEFORE YOU CAN TRY-OUT YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING HANDED IN TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE AT THE END OF SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST 2010

- **PHYSICAL** (BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL PHYSICAL- BLUE FORM) AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.bcschools.net
- **PAY \$ 30.00 ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEE**

Times and Try-out Locations are subject to change

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL INFO –

TRY-OUTS- JANUARY 25th, 26th, 27th 2010

ALL TRY OUTS HELD AT HANDY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR WESTERN AND HANDY BOTH

TRY OUT TIMES: HMS 8TH GRADE: BIG GYM 2:30 – 4:30 PM
HMS 7TH GRADE: SMALL GYM 2:30 – 4:30 PM
WMS 8TH GRADE: BIG GYM 5:00 – 6:30 PM
WMS 7TH GRADE: BIG GYM 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

FIRST MATCH- FEBURARY 11TH

COACHES:	HMS 8 TH WHITE:	CHARLIE LALONDE
	HMS 8 TH RED:	BRET BEAN
	HMS 7 TH WHITE:	DARCY DIEBOLT
	HMS 7 TH RED:	ANDREA MURPHY
	WMS 8 TH GOLD:	MIKE UEBERROTH
	WMS 8 TH BROWN:	JENNIFER COSTELLO
	WMS 7 TH GOLD:	JENNIFER CROWL
	WMS 7 TH BROWN:	PAUL ELLIOT



SWIMMING INFO:

PRACTICE STARTS: JANUARY 25TH 2010

PRACTICE TIME: HANDY 2:30 – 3:30 AT HANDY
WESTERN 2:30 – 3:30 AT WESTERN

FIRST MEET: FEBURARY 11, 2006: TUNE UP AT Handy Middle School

COACHES: HANDY KATE CASPERS
WESTERN LISA MANWELL



Looking Ahead...

January 1, 2010	No School – New Year’s Day
January 19, 2010	Handy Booster Club Meeting – 6:30 pm media center
January 20, 2010	Coffee with the Principal- 7:30 and 8:30 am media center
January 22, 2010	End of First Semester/End of Third Marking Period
February 1, 2010	No School – Staff Professional Development
February 17, 2010	Coffee with the Principal- 7:30 and 8:30 am media center
February 18, 2010	Carnival
February 16, 2010	Handy Booster Club Meeting – 6:30 pm media center



schoolstore.com We are participating in this program until the end of the year, it doesn't cost anything more than just your normal online shopping and the school earns money off your regular purchases. The students get an opportunity to earn prizes.

Box Tops for Education is another way to earn money for the school that is easy to do. We have a collection bin in the main office lobby. The school receives 10 cents per label as well as a bonus that they offer periodically.

School Carnival is being Held on February 18th (Thursday). It will runs all day with each grade coming down for 1 1/2 to 2 hours each. **Parent volunteers are needed to work full and half days.** We are also looking for people to get raffle prizes for the student raffle.

Parents:
If you move, you must contact the school with your new address. This WILL affect your child's transportation.

SCIENCE FAIR 2010

THEME: G"RRR"REEN (Go Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Everyday is Earthday Now!!!!)

WHEN: April 9–11, 2010

WHERE: Handy Middle School

INFORMATION: All registration and general information can be found at www.protopage.com/sciencefair