

Higgins Middle School News

Home of the Hawks

February, 2012

<u>Important</u>	No School	February 20 – 25, Vacation Week
<u>Dates</u>	Early Release	Wednesday, February 1, 12:45pm
	Spelling Bee	Thursday, February 16 th , 6:00pm, Macy's Court at the North Shore Mall Spellers report at 5pm for Pizza Party Practice For more info: http://www.peabody.k12.ma.us/Higgins/index.html
	PAPG Meeting	Tuesday, February 7, 7pm, Band Room
	PTO Meeting	Wednesday, February 8, 7pm, Cullen Library
	PTO sponsored Valentine's Dance	All grades, Friday, February 10 th
	Library Events	8 th Grade, Holocaust Legacy Partner program, 2/13 & 2/14 Aquarius & Pegasus, Leslie's Retreat history lesson, 2/17 & 2/27, respectively

News, News, News...

Follow the Higgins and some its groups on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/higginshawks>, <http://twitter.com/#!/cullenlibrary>, <http://twitter.com/#!/higginsband> and <http://twitter.com/#!/higginspapg>.

Library **Spelling Bee --- Congratulations to our finalists!**

News

- Our Pot Luck & Practice on January 25th was a great success! Thanks to all who attended, contributed and ate with us. Special thanks to Tom Gould for facilitating.
- Higgins Middle School 2nd Annual Spelling Bee and fundraiser for the Peabody Education Fund. February 16, 6:00 p.m., Northshore Mall (outside of Macy's).

NOTE: Spellers report at 5:00 p.m. for Pizza Party Practice Session.

- On Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14, the 8th grade will be hosting 5 Holocaust Legacy Partners from The Holocaust Center Boston North, who will give our 8th grade students presentations about survivors of the Holocaust. This program has been funded through the Peabody Education Council, and coincides with when 8th graders read the play Anne Frank's Diary and study the Holocaust.
- In the library, Leslie's Retreat local history lesson for Aquarius on 2/17 and Pegasus on 2/27.

8th Grade

News

This is an exciting and busy year as you prepare and prompt your 8th grade student to think about their academic path in high school. We thank you for sending us your applications for private high schools early so that we made the admissions deadline. No wonder this class of "2016" is so spectacular.

If your student is planning to attend Peabody Veterans Memorial High School we will be introducing them to the various options available to them to elect. All students will be programmed April 4th and 5th. Parents will receive a hard copy of the Program of Studies manual prior to your students programming. It is a short window of opportunity given to review this manual so we encourage you to look at the high school web site related to academics prior to receiving the manual.

For students demonstrating a vocational/technical interest, they too will be made aware of all their options and should take a look at the voc/tech section of the website to download an application. It is: <http://pvmhs.peabody.k12.ma.us>.

If you have any questions please call or email any of the following: Mr. Braganca/PVMHS Guidance 978-536-4533 braganca@peabody.k12.ma.us, Ms. Ferri/Peabody Vocational Director 978-536-4970 ferrim@peabody.k12.ma.us Mrs. Broughton/Higgins Gr 8 guidance 978-536-4824 Broughtona@peabody.k12.ma.us Ms. Ginolfi/Higgins Gr 8 guidance 978-536-4820 ginolfih@peabody.k12.ma.us.

Other info:

There will be a VOC/TECH club beginning after February 9th (for 5 wks) for all interested students.

There will be a VOC/TECH Career fair for all students to view and sample the shops available to them in high school.

Essex Agricultural Technical High School application deadline is March 1st.

PTO News

A call for assistance...

- The Valentine's Day is being held Friday, February 10th; volunteers, snacks (soda, water, individually wrapped chips, cookies, etc) or financial donations are kindly being requested to offset the cost of this PTO sponsored event.
- Adult readers are needed to assist with our annual scholarship awards process beginning in April. Please contact us via email at higginspto@hotmail.com to help with either of these opportunities...

Performing Arts Parents Group

- Thanks to all who helped with the Winter Concerts. Whether it's time, product or cash donations, all benefits the Higgins performing arts department. With your continued support, we can help the school and staff in their quest to enlighten and teach our kids drama and music.
- Sweatshirt orders have been placed; they're expected to arrive within 4 to 6 weeks.
- **Need a last minute string, reed or other musical component? We're happy to announce a "Band Store" now exists offering these and other items at very reasonable process. Students should see Mr. G. for assistance.**