



January 2012

BALDWIN BULLDOG

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome Back! We would like to extend our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year to our students and their families!

In an effort to assist our young people as they grow and learn, I would like to reinforce the importance of the effective home/school partnership. It is necessary that we work together in pursuit of a common goal; that is, to support the children in their efforts to become responsible, hard-working, contributing members of our society. I would like to stress the need for regular attendance at school, as daily classroom instruction is invaluable to the learning process. As the "winter weather" comes our way, it will surely bring many sniffles and sore throats! Therefore, we are encouraging good health and nutrition habits, as we know our early adolescents tend to disregard the importance of these efforts. If your child becomes ill and it is necessary to keep him/her home from school, please notify the main office. If the child has had an occasion to see a physician, please ask for a doctor's note as the absence can then be considered excused. When absent, students may get assignments from friends, or if it is to be a longer absence (3 or more days), assignments can be arranged through the guidance office. If a family vacation or special occasion is being planned which involves time out of school for your child, please send me a note requesting that the absences be excused. If the child's attendance profile is good, I will be happy to accommodate this request. Students will be given time to make up work when they return.

I look forward to a continued successful partnership with members of our parent community.

Sincerely,
Anne M. Snurkowski, Principal



PTO BULLETIN BOARD

Quinnipiac Bobcats




vs.



Wagner

Baldwin School PTO

Men's Basketball
Saturday
January 28th
2:00pm



Tickets
\$11
Call the box office or go online
to use the promo code "Baldwin"



Proceeds go toward the Baldwin PTO

Located at the TD Bank Sports Center
305 Sherman Ave. Hamden, CT
www.quinnipiacbobcats.com
(203) 582- 3905

Baldwin Bulldogs

Come join the fun at the Quinnipiac Bobcats basketball game on Saturday, January 28th at 2pm.

It's Baldwin Day!

This PTO fundraiser is one not to be missed! We have a section reserved just for us. You can easily purchase tickets on the website (using the link below) or call the number on the attached flyer. The password is **Baldwin**. Hope to see you there.

GO BOBCATS!

Get tickets online:

<http://qbl.glitnirticketing.com/qbticket/web/loggingroup1.php?&refresh=1325189518>

PTO BULLETIN BOARD Continued

The next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, January 12th, at 7:00 PM in the Baldwin teacher's lounge.

Please note all documents for the Bugler must be submitted to Hilary Gindi by January 27th for inclusion in February's newsletter. E-mail: Hilary.Gindi@gmail.com

The School Store is open in the Café every Thursday during lunch. Students can purchase school supplies at a great price right at school. We have a wide selection of pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, paper, folders, calculators, and much, much more. Cash only, please.

If you would like to volunteer for the School Store during your child's lunch period, please contact Lynn Horton at 203-627-4129 or email her at Lynniehorton@gmail.com.

**Box Tops is all about the difference 1 can make
Our Goal is to raise \$800 for Baldwin Middle School**



Here are some easy, everyday ways you can help:

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Sign up — It's easy and free. Sign up to support our school at boxtops4education.com, where you can:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops and other prizes
- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands
- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

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To learn more, visit boxtops4education.com—and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact:
Beth Crowley • shrug086@aol.com • 203.689.5277



HELLO WINTER!



A PLAN IS NEEDED

Winter is here, we've put the storm windows in place and polished the snow shovels, now, we would suggest that you discuss a plan with your children, for possible early dismissals from school. Children need to know where they are to go if school should be dismissed early.

THE PLAN should include a neighbor who would be available to take a child from the bus, a family member who can be alerted to meet the child, or if your child is allowed to go home alone, where a key can be found. Many parents make arrangements to leave work early in the event of a storm.

THE PLAN should be discussed with the child and perhaps written into their assignment notebooks, for handy reference, so that they will be prepared in the event of an early dismissal. A copy of **THE PLAN** may be left in the Main Office as well. Due to the large enrollment and the limited number of lines available, it is impossible for every student to telephone their parents.

Weather information is available on WTNH, channel 8, WTIC, and channel 3 during the day. WTNH weather can be accessed on line during the day at WTNH.com for storm closures. Also local radio stations announce weather conditions in the morning and during the day. **Also, we will use the Alert Now system if school is dismissed early.**



FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Homework Request:

If a student is absent from school for one or two days due to illness or a family emergency, parents need not be concerned about calling the school to obtain the missed work assignments. When the student returns to school she/he should then check with the teachers for the missed assignments. It is important that the child focus on getting well without having to worry about completing work.

If a student is absent for more than three days due to illness or family emergency, parents may call the Guidance office directly at 457-0222 ext. 418 between 8:15-10:15 a.m. to make arrangements for assignments and necessary books to be obtained from the child's teachers and picked up at the end of the school day.



LUNCHBOXES, SWEATERS, JACKETS, SNEAKERS, GYM CLOTHES etc. etc. etc.

LOST AND FOUND
IS LOCATED IN THE CAFETERIA
PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!

Please note - several times during the year we send an overwhelming amount of lost and found items to Good Will. We announce it to the students several days before so students will go through it first. We usually send it before vacations so keep that in mind.

CHANGING YOUR CHILDS AFTER SCHOOL PLANS DURING SCHOOL HOURS SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE 2:00 PM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!
~Sincerely, Mrs. Cricchi & Mrs. Polastri

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Parents/Guardians:

There are many times during the school year when Parents/Guardians send money to school for field trips, instruments or other school activities. Please be aware if your check is returned to Baldwin for insufficient funds, account closed or any other reason you will be charged the **\$10.00 service charge** the bank bestows to us. Thank you for understanding.



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September 2011

NEWS FROM THE NURSE'S DESK...

Happy New Year Baldwin students and families! I hope you all had a safe and peaceful holiday. One of my New Year's wishes is that we all take new steps to provide safe and healthy full lives for our children. Having worked with children in the hospital who have suffered severe burns, I'd like to start this winter season with some reminders of how we can prevent accidental burns from ever occurring. Please take just a few minutes to read on and do your own safety checklist.

In good health,

*Leah O'Callahan
Baldwin School Nurse*

Information from the American College of Emergency Physicians

Burns

Avoiding Household Burns

More than two million Americans suffer burn injuries each year, and about 70,000 of them require admission to the hospital.

"Burns are one of the leading causes of accidental injuries in childhood, and the greatest tragedy is that many of these could have been prevented," said Dr. David Wilcox of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

"Fortunately, there are steps you can take to protect your family and avoid a trip to the emergency department."

When cooking, keep pot handles turned toward the rear of the stove, and never leave the pans unattended.

Do not leave hot cups of coffee on tables or counter edges.

Do not carry hot liquids or food near your child or while holding your child.

Always test food temperatures before serving a child, especially foods or liquids heated in a microwave.

Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach in a locked cabinet. Use only child-resistant lighters.

Prevent scalding by keeping your water heater set at 120° to 125° F; test bath water before putting a child in the bathtub.

Cover unused electric outlets with safety caps, and replace damaged, frayed or brittle electrical cords.

Keep fire extinguishers on every floor of your house, especially in the kitchen, and know how to use them.

Do not put water on a grease fire — it can spread the fire.

Have a working smoke detector on every floor of your home. Check batteries at least once a year.

Know what to do in case clothing catches fire: Stop (don't run), Drop (to the floor, immediately), and Roll (cover your face and hands while rolling over to smother the flames).

"For burns and other medical emergencies, it's important to know first aid," added Dr. Wilcox. "Get medical attention for any burns to the eyes, mouth, hands, and genital areas, even if mild. If the burn covers a large area, get medical attention immediately."

For minor burns, run cool — not cold — water over the burn or hold a clean, cold compress on it until the pain subsides. Do not use not butter or other types of grease. Do not use ice. Remove jewelry or tight clothing from around burned areas, and apply a clean, dry dressing.

For more serious burns, do not use water or break blisters. Do not remove clothing if it is stuck to the burned skin. Keep the victim warm and dry, and keep burned arms or legs raised to reduce swelling.

Get immediate medical attention if you have any of the following symptoms related to a burn:

fever

puslike or foul-smelling drainage

excessive swelling

redness of the skin

a blister filled with greenish or brownish fluid

a burn that doesn't heal in 10 days to 2 weeks

Clubs at Baldwin 2011-2012

Students sign up and pick up more information in front of the main office.

Student Council-Mrs. Skelly and Mr. Vitale
2:40-3:30, library

January 10, 24
February 14, 28
March 13, 27
April 3, 17
May 1, 15
June 5



Math Club-Mrs. Bellonio
2:45-3:30, library

Every Monday there is school
Beginning October 17



Yearbook Club-Mrs. McLaughlin
2:45-3:25-RM 443

January 9, 23
February 6, 27
March 12, 26
June TBD



Computer Club -Mrs. Dear
2:42-3:42-computer lab

January 9, 23, 30
February 6, 13, 27
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2, 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21



Do Something Club-Mrs. Chapman & Mrs. L. Nemergut

2:42-3:42-Room 411
January 5, 19
February 2, 16
March 1, 15, 29
April 5, 19
May 3, 17
June 7



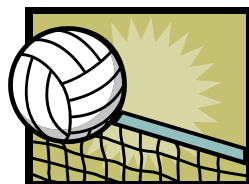
Sign Language Club-Jaye Carlson
2:42-3:40-Room 211

October 4, 18, 25
November 1, 15, 22, 29
December 6, 13



Volleyball Club-Janelle McElhany
2:42-4:30—GYM

January 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



Newspaper Club-Mrs. Mitchell and Ms. Mitchell
2:42-3:25-Room 435

October 13, 27
November 10
December 1, 8
January 5, 19
February 2, 16
March 8, 22
April 5, 26
May 10, 24
June 7



Drama Club-Mrs. Mitchell and Ms. Mitchell
2:42-3:42-Room 435

October 4, 18
November 1, 15, 29
December 13
January 10, 24
February 7, 28
March 13, 27
April 17
May 1, 15, 29
June 5



Unified Sports-Mr. Wallach

Practices will meet on Tuesdays-2:42-4:00-Gym

Tournaments-Not all participants go to every tournament-Mr. Wallach will decide who and when

October 11
March 5
March 9
March 20
May 8



Anime Club-Ms. Shutak
2:42-4:00 – 221

October 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17
December 1, 8, 15, 22
January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9, 16, 23
March 1, 8, 15, 22
April 5, 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24







Art Club -Mrs. Makoski Session 1
2:42-3:42-Art Room

October 13
November 3, 17
December 1, 8
January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9



Students interested in clubs can find sign-up sheets and permission slips located in front of the main office.



January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 We wish you A HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Winter Recess Continues! **In case of unexpected days off ie: snow days, the letter days will change	3F Unified Sports 2:45-4:00	4A	5B Newspaper Club 2:45-3:25 Anime Club 2:45-4:00 Do Something Club 2:45-3:45 Art Club 2:45-3:45	6C	7
8	9D Math Club 2:45-3:30 Yearbook Club 2:45-3:25 Computer Club 2:45-3:45	10E Student Council 2:42-3:30 Drama Club 2:45-3:45 Unified Sports 2:45-4:00	11F	12A Anime Club 2:45-4:00 Art Club 2:45-3:45	13B Volleyball Club 2:42-4:30	14
15	16 No School in Observance of Martin Luther King Day	17C Unified Sports 2:45-4:00	18D	19E Newspaper Club 2:45-3:25 Anime Club 2:45-4:00 Do Something Club 2:45-3:45 Art Club 2:45-3:45	20F Volleyball Club 2:42-4:30	21
22	23A Math Club 2:45-3:30 Yearbook Club 2:45-3:25 Computer Club 2:45-3:45	24B Student Council 2:42-3:30 Drama Club 2:45-3:45 Unified Sports 2:45-4:00	25C EARLY DISMISSAL 12:56 PM	26D Anime Club 2:45-4:00 Art Club 2:45-3:45	27E Volleyball Club 2:42-4:30	28
29	30F Orchestra Concert Gr 5 & Select @ 7:00 pm Gr 6 & Select @ 8:00 pm Math Club 2:45-3:30 Computer Club 2:45-3:45	31A Orchestra Concert Gr 6 & Select @ 8:30 am Gr 5 & Select @ 9:30 am Unified Sports 2:45-4:00				

2012

February

2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>In case of unexpected snow days, the letter days will change</p>			<p>1B Band Concert Gr 5 @ 7 p.m. Gr 6 @ 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2C Band Concert Gr 6 @ 8:30 a.m. Gr 5 @ 9:30 a.m. Newspaper Club 2:42-3:25 Anime Club 2:42-4:00 Do Something 2:42-3:42 Art Club 2:42-3:42</p>	<p>3D Volleyball Club 2:42-4:30</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6E Snow date orchestra concert p.m. Math Club 2:42-3:30 Yearbook Club 2:42-3:25 Computer Club 2:42-3:42</p>	<p>7F Snow date orchestra concert a.m. Drama Club 2:42-3:42 Unified Sports 2:42-3:42</p>	<p>8A Snow Date Band concert p.m.</p>	<p>9B Snow Date Band concert p.m. Anime Club 2:42-4:00 Art Club 2:42-3:42</p>	<p>10C Volleyball Club 2:42-4:30</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19</p>	<p>20 WINTER BREAK</p>	<p>21 WINTER BREAK</p>	<p>22C</p>	<p>23D Anime Club 2:42-4:00</p>	<p>24E Volleyball Club 2:42-4:30</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27F Math Club 2:42-3:30 Yearbook Club 2:42-3:25 Computer Club 2:42-3:42</p>	<p>28A Student Council 2:42-3:30 Drama Club 2:42-3:42 Unified Sports 2:42-3:42</p>	<p>29B</p>			