

Sorensen Magnet School of the Arts and Humanities



Sorensen Mission Statement: Sorensen is an artistically-enriched school which empowers students by providing an academically excellent education for every child.

December 2022

We hope you all enjoyed the restful Thanksgiving holiday last week. Thank you to all who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences. We hope you are able to better understand how your child is learning and growing in school. Thank you to our PTO for the delicious dinner and breakfast provided during conferences. Welcome to the snowy month of December where the race for the next holiday break approaches surprisingly quickly.

This week Sorensen Magnet School was recognized for the “Innovation in the Arts” award presented by Governor Little and Frist Lady Little in Boise. With this recognition comes the reminder of how much work went in to creating a magnet school with an arts and humanities focus as well as sustaining the magnet fund for the additional program offerings. It takes a large village of dedicated community members, parents, and staff. We are grateful for having logged 17 successful years as a magnet school and look forward to many more to come.

Please consider attending the Annual Sorensen Auction and Soiree scheduled for Saturday, February 25th at the Coeur d’Alene Resort. This year’s theme will be “Once Upon a Time”. Details for how to purchase your tickets are forthcoming. Meanwhile, here’s a link to last year’s auction video: [Among The Wildflowers](#). This video is one of many examples of the learning, growing, and the value our arts and humanities programming adds to your child’s passion for learning. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Don’t forget to attend the primary music performance scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th at 6:00 pm in the Sorensen Gym. This performance will feature our 1st and 2nd grade students directed by music teacher, Tami Vandegrift. Additionally, our last Friday gathering of 2022 is scheduled for Friday, December 23rd at 1:30 pm in the Sorensen Gym. Staff and students will be caroling our way into the holiday break and you’re invited!

Tune in to the newly released school report card data at the following link to see how our students are learning and growing in school: <https://idahoschools.org/>. Also compare our results to the previous 2 years. They’ve included academic and non-academic indicators for informational purposes.

Thank you for participating in this month’s Sources of Strength donation drive. Families are encouraged to donate winter clothing items, hygiene products, basic cleaning supplies and toiletries to your child’s classroom. The class with the most donations will receive a hot cocoa party and extra recess. All donations will be forwarded to the Kootenai St. Vincent’s Warming Shelter.

From all of us at Sorensen to all of you, Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, Academically, and Artistically Yours,
Mr. DePew—Principal
Brianne Weinberger—Vice Principal



December

Dec 12th—PTO Holiday Social 6:30-8:30 @ Bottle of Joy on Sherman. No meeting, just a great chance for parents to meet and get to know each other. **ADULTS ONLY**

Dec. 20th—Roger's Night

Dec 24th—Jan 8th: Christmas Break

Jan 17th—PTO Meeting 7pm Sorensen Library

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

-Posted on cdaschools.org and the mobile app
-All social media outlets
-Radio & TV: The school district will notify local tv stations in the event of a school closure or delay. KREM 2, KXLY4, KHQ 6 and other news outlets will broadcast or post school closure/delay updates. Please do NOT call the radio/tv.stations.

*****SNOW CLOSURE HOTLINE***
667-0784**

A Note from Nurse Amy:

The CDC recommends the following few ways you can prevent becoming ill during cold and flu season:

- * Getting available vaccines (flu shot & COVID-19 vaccine)
- * Covering coughs and sneezes with your elbow
- * Washing hands frequently and correctly (with soap and water for 20 seconds)-especially before eating
- * Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces
- * Avoiding sharing cups and eating utensils with others
- * Staying home when sick
- * Get enough sleep at night
- * Eat healthy foods with fruit and vegetables
- * Consider wearing a mask when going out in public which can prevent the spread of droplets when people speak, cough, laugh, or breathe.

Reminder of the district guidelines for keeping a sick child home from school.—If your child has had **ANY** of the following in the last 24 hours please keep them home until they have been **SYMPTOM FREE (without fever reducing medication) for 24 hours:**

- * **Fever: Temperature above 100.4**
- * **Vomiting**
- * **Diarrhea**

If you have any questions, concerns or changes in your child's health please call or email your school nurse.



Dress for the Weather:

Please be sure your student is coming to school prepared for Idaho's weather. They should have a coat, hat, gloves, boots, and anything else to keep them warm and dry. If you're in need of cold weather gear, please let



Miss Hilary know, call 664-2822 or email hmann@cdaschools.org

Sources of Strength Focus: Generosity

To help raise awareness and empathy for those less fortunate, we are conducting a schoolwide drive to collect donations that will support our local St. Vincent's Warming Shelter. Each classroom has a box to collect items from now until Dec. 16th. Here is a list of items they are in need of:

- Socks
- Gloves
- Hand warmers
- Tarps
- Rain gear (new or used)
- Black garbage bags with drawstrings
- Non-perishable food items that DON'T require a can opener
- Paper plates, bowls, cups, plastic cutlery
- Hygiene items
- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap
- Basic cleaning supplies



The classroom with the most items will receive a hot cocoa party & extra recess!!

SAVE THE DATE:

*Once Upon a Time
The Sorensen Annual Auction & Soiree*

February 25th, 2023
Hagadone Event Center

Registration details coming soon!

The Decorations committee is looking for volunteers to help create all the amazing items that go into making the Auction so special. If you are willing and able, please send an email to auction@smpto.org to sign up. Decorations are already underway!