

Happy New Year!!

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LABRAE INTERMEDIATE

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A Message from the Principal:

Dear LIS Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed your winter break and found some time to marvel in what the holiday season has to offer!

While we were away from school on our break, technology specialists were in our classrooms installing Epson BrightLink interactive products. Federal funding through our School Wide Title I program has made it possible to provide this wonderful technology which will provide our staff with the ability to turn ordinary lessons into dynamic and engaging experiences. The staff will receive training on January 9th and are very excited to begin using their new equipment.

Now that we are refreshed from Winter Break, our focus will be on academics as we bear down on our core curriculum. We ask that as partners in the education of your child, you continue to check your child's STAR binder/Homework Folder every night and ensure that they are completing their nightly practice.

Parent-teacher conferences are slated for February 11th and 13th. Please plan to join us on one of those evenings. Meeting together is an important opportunity to support student learning and gain a deeper understanding of your child's learning profile.

Sincerely,
Milajeon Harkabus

SAFETY FIRST

We have been experiencing difficulty with the number of parents who are signing their children out on a regular basis at the end of the day in the office. We have a permanent pick up process in place to help with this problem for students being picked up more than 2 days a week.

Our reasons for this are because:

1. We do not have sufficient room for the number of adults waiting in the office and for safety reasons we ask that parents do **not wait** in the classroom hallways.
2. Buses are picking up special needs students in the front of the building.
3. We need to keep LaBrae buses on schedule without shortening the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter!

Saturday Enrichment Program:

Attention parents of students in grades 2-6. Do you need something for your kids to do on those long winter weekends? The Saturday Enrichment Program is your answer! Six week classes will be held in a variety of areas including science and technology, foreign languages, fine arts, writing, dramatics and yoga. Classes will be held on the **mornings of February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23** at Lincoln Elementary School on Atlantic Ave. in Warren. Look for more details and registration information to come home with your child in January. For questions, call Jaclyn Rausch at the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, 330-505-2800, ext. 107.

Ms. Milajeon Harkabus
Principal
And
Mrs. Darla Arnold
Secretary

Challenge 24 Tournament:

The annual Challenge 24 Tournament will be held on February 6, 2013 at Bascom Elementary School at 5:30 pm.

Congratulations to **ALL** students who participated in the County Challenge 24 Tournament.

Special recognition goes to Connor Meyer & Jacob McCartney who will participate in the Regional Challenge 24 Tournament Competition on Tuesday, January 22nd at Warren G. Harding at 6:00 pm.

We are very proud of each of you!!

LIS Spelling Bee:

Teachers will be holding their L.A. classroom spelling bees in January. Each classroom champion speller will participate in our school spelling bee on January 18th. The winners of our school spelling bee will go on to participate in the County Spelling Bee. The date along with more information will be announced later.

Message from the Nurse:

The flu is here and it is aggressive. Please check for influenza information at www.cdc.gov. If you, or your children, have not received flu shots it is not too late to do so. Check with your health care provider to see if they recommend a flu shot for your family members. Please monitor your children for signs and symptoms of flu. Reinforce frequent hand washing, covering coughs & sneezes, and proper tissue disposal. Avoiding crowds during cold & flu season is also a good idea. Mrs. Harper

LaBrae Elementary Booster Meeting:

The meeting will be held on January 16, 2013 at Bascom in the Media Center at 6:00 pm.

The LaBrae Elementary Boosters would like to inform everyone that the new officers are:

President—Denise Rowe

Vice President—Jody Khlem

Treasurer & Secretary—Rachelle Simmers

Upcoming Events:

Return to School on Jan. 2nd.

January 16, 2013—Market Day Orders Due

January 18, 2013 - **Early Release at 1:00 pm.**
End of 1st Semester

January 21, 2013 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

January 22, 2013—Regional Challenge 24 Tournament

January 24, 2013—Market Day Pickup at Bascom 4-5 pm.

January 25, 2013—**Report Cards Go Home**