

**UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY BULLETIN  
DECEMBER 2018**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER:

Sat., 12/1	PTO Breakfast with Santa – Seabrook School
Mon., 12/3 and Tues., 12/4	Boys Basketball Tryouts until 4PM – Woodruff Students
Mon., 12/3	PTO Meeting – 6:30PM
Thurs., 12/6 & Fri. 12/7	Dessert Theater at Woodruff – 7PM – Once on this Island, Jr.
Fri., 12/7	12:45 Dismissal – Staff In Service
Sat., 12/8	Dessert Theater at Woodruff – 2PM & 6PM – Once on this Island, Jr.
Wed., 12/12- Mon. 12/17	Santa's Secret Shop for Seabrook and Moore School students (check with your child's teacher for specific dates) Make Up Day is Tuesday, December 18.
Wed., 12/12	Family Night
Thurs., 12/13	Seabrook Winter Concert – 6:30PM
Fri., 12/14	Blue & Gold Day
Tues., 12/18	Mid Marking Period #2 Board of Education Meeting – 7PM
Wed., 12/19	Moore and Woodruff Schools Winter Concert – 6:30PM
Thurs., 12/20	<b>FULL DAY OF SCHOOL NO CER!!</b>

**Schools Closed/Early Dismissal:** There will be an early dismissal of 12:45pm on Friday, December 7 for in-service. There will be a full day of school on Thursday, December 20 with schools closed on Friday, December 21 for the start of the Christmas/Winter break. Schools will be closed on December 21 through January 1 for the Christmas/Winter break and resume for the new year on January 2, 2019.

**School Closing Information:** As the weather is changing, it is important for your information to be updated in our system. Please assist the district by updating your contact information as we use the phone system to notify the parents and students of closing information. If you have an email address, please provide this information to us as well since we are looking to add this feature to our information system. In addition, 6ABC, NBC10, WSNJ, calling into our main number of (856) 455-2267, and our district website will provide you with closing information as well.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

Seabrook Winter Concert at 6:30pm in the Seabrook School Cafeteria – December 13.  
Moore and Woodruff Combined Winter Concert at 6:30pm in the Moore School Auditorium - December 19.

Santa's Secret Shop begins December 12 and runs through December 17 with a make-up day on December 18.

**Dessert Theatre:** The annual Woodruff School Dessert Theatre will be held on December 6, 7, and 8. This year's performance "Once on this Island, Jr." features many talented performers under the direction of Mr. Lau and his performing arts crew. Show times for "Once on this Island, Jr." will be December 6 and 7 at 7:00 PM and two shows on December 8, a 2:00PM matinee and a 6:00PM show in the evening. Please come out and view a performance that is second to none and shown exclusively in Upper Deerfield. Our ACE Program in Upper Deerfield is one of the longest running Dessert Theatre Programs in Middle Schools across the country.

**School District Website:** [www.udts.org](http://www.udts.org) Be sure to visit our website for important announcements and information. You can put money in your child's lunch account,

review board meeting notes, visit teacher webpages for information, and access your child's grades in the parent portal of the GENESIS program.

**School Cafeteria Meals:** Please check your balances and update your child's meal account to remain current in your account. If you have a balance, please make payment with our Food Service Provider Sodexo. You can pay online through our district website or come to the respective school of your child to make a payment. If you need to update your information regarding meal payments, please go to the main office of your child's school to do so. We thank you for this assistance as it helps our district maintain an up to date balance with our provider as we do not incur additional costs of services.

**School Breakfast:** Each day breakfast is available for all our students in our schools. Please make sure your child starts the day with breakfast either at home, or in our cafeterias in Moore, Seabrook, or Woodruff School. Please note it is important to have your child to school on time as breakfast is served until 8:00am in all three schools to maximize the instructional time of the school day.

**Bus Safety:**

- All students who ride the bus, as required by law, are to remain seated at all times with their seatbelts on. There are no exceptions and students who do not adhere to the bus rules and bus safety will be subject to disciplinary action which can include a loss of bus riding privileges.
- It is important for parents to be at the bus stop when the students are being returned from school after dismissal. When students have to be returned to school if there is no one to meet the student, the bus drivers are late for their other designated pick-up and return. If there is a regular occurrence of students being returned to our schools, bus privileges will be suspended and the student will be placed in our CER program for parent pick-up with the \$16 daily rate being applied as a charge to the parents/guardians.
- Students are reminded to arrive at their assigned bus stop and wait for the bus in an orderly manner. Running, pushing, playing games or doing something to put yourself or others in danger is prohibited and students violating this code of conduct will be subject to disciplinary action.

**Board of Education:** The Upper Deerfield Township Board of Education meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted, at 7:00 PM in the Woodruff School Library. This month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18. Please note this date change to the third Tuesday due to the Christmas/Winter Break.

**Family Night:** Upper Deerfield Township School District recognizes the importance of family and spending time together. Each month we will designate one night as family night and no homework will be assigned in the district on these nights. For the month of December this night will be Wednesday, December 12.

**Quotes Worth Quoting:**

- "May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!" - Author Unknown
- "Christmas is not just a time for festivity and merry making. It is more than that. It is a time for the contemplation of eternal things. The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving." - J. C. Penney
- "Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and always to be kind." - Helen Steiner Rice

**A Christmas Note for All:**

**December is here and the Christmas spirit fills the air. Christmas is a time to join with your family and friends and gather near to celebrate Christmas with carols and cheers. During this magical and blessed time of the year, let us honor our king who is near and dear. It is a time to share joyful memories, laughter and good cheer with your loved ones. There are dreams of a white Christmas and a merry and bright New Year. Many celebrations will take place with joy, surprises, and fun. Santa will be bringing gifts to all and for this we should be thankful. A great way to celebrate and be thankful is to remember to give if you can to someone less fortunate. May the joy of Christmas fill your home with gifts, warm greetings peace and love not only during this Christmas season but throughout the coming year.**

**On behalf of our district of Upper Deerfield, we wish all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.**