



## CHERRY HILL SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Cherry Hill Families,

As December is upon us, we want to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

This holiday season we are reminded to take the time to explain to our children that the true gift of the holiday season is giving and caring for others. This month is the perfect time for the entire school community to model being kind and caring, expressing gratitude, forgiving others, and helping those in need.

Wishing all of our Cherry Hill families a joyous Holiday season and a New Year filled with love, peace and happiness!

Sincerely,

Emily Schissler  
Principal

Jenny Christophersen,  
Assistant Principal



### December Calendar

- 14th NLSD 122 School Board Meeting @Martino Jr. High @ 6:00 PM
- 16th PTO Meeting @ Martino Jr. High @ 7:30 PM
- 18th PTO Pie Pickup 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)  
December 20th - January 3rd

SCHOOL RESUMES  
January 4, 2022





### December Asset:

Caring School Climate  
(with self-management)  
Schools provide a caring,  
encouraging environment.

### December Quote of the Month:

"You can't really be present for  
people in your life if you aren't  
taking care of yourself"

-Kerry Washington



### Cherry Hill School Office Hours

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

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### **Calling Your Student Off Of School**

If your child will be absent from school, please call 815-462-7831. Please leave your child's name, teacher, and the reason for the absence. If your child is **NOT** in school and we have not received a call, one of our secretaries will need to call you to verify his/her absence. To ensure the safety of our students, if we cannot make contact with the parent/guardian, we will call the New Lenox Police Department, and they will make a well-being check to your home. Also, if you have an absence and your child is a bus rider, after calling Cherry Hill School, please contact the Transportation Department at 815-485-7611.



## December News From The Nurse

My priority is to keep students healthy and in school. In order to do so, we would appreciate your compliance with the state guidelines that are required for in person learning:

- \*Wear a mask on the bus and in school.
- \*Please remember that you completed the COVID-19 screener one-time agreement at the beginning of the year for your child stating you would not send your child to school with any COVID-19 like symptoms. This really helps us to protect our school community.
- \***We trust you to be honest** - Cold, flu, and COVID-19 symptoms can present the same in children. If your child has any new symptoms, please keep them home and have them evaluated by a physician to prevent others from becoming ill.
- \*If your child has a chronic health condition that causes them to have symptoms of COVID, they are able to stay home for a day or two to wait for the symptoms to improve.
- \*If your child has seasonal allergies, please be consistent with their treatment regimen so that they don't appear sick in school.
- \*Please have your child tested for COVID if you have any suspicions that they may be Infected.
- \*If your child has been exposed (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) to someone with COVID infection, please keep them home to quarantine for 14 days.

[Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 Interim Exclusion Guidance](#)

### District COVID testing

Testing is being offered to students who have symptoms or who have been exposed.

Hours offered for COVID-19 testing:

*Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am - 12:00pm*

Testing is located at Martino Junior High, 731 East Joliet Highway Park in the back of the building and enter through the door marked "COVID testing." Do not go to the main entrance.

The test provided is a rapid antigen test. We will call you within 15 minutes of your test if it is positive. If it is negative, you will receive a text message and email before 1:00pm. Please be patient, if we have a lot of students come for testing, it will take time for us to process the reporting.

### Flu Vaccine

The 2021-2022 Influenza vaccine is available from your healthcare provider and local pharmacies. The CDC strongly recommends the flu vaccine for children this year so please discuss with your healthcare provider. The vaccine protects against influenza A and B. The flu vaccine along with frequent and careful handwashing and wearing your mask is crucial to prevent the spread of influenza this flu season!

Wishing you a healthy holiday season!

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## Preschool Screenings

New Lenox School District will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive, and speech/language development. Early childhood educators will present "game like" activities to your child which assess various development skills. All preschoolers who reside in our district are eligible to attend free of charge. This is a preschool screening, **not** a kindergarten readiness screening. This year the screenings will be held at Cherry Hill Elementary and Early Childhood Center.

### Screening Dates:

March 11, 2022

May 6, 2022



Call Cherry Hill School at 815-462-7831 to schedule an appointment.



At every stage of life, mental health is important. It impacts our ability to handle stress and our overall feeling of well-being. Come out for a day to support your mental health and our community at our **5K for Mental Health and Wellness** on Saturday, 5/21! Not up for 5k? Join one of our free fitness classes we'll host

throughout the day! Learn about ways our community supports mental health by visiting one of the many wellness-promoting businesses at the Wellness Fair.

Visit [bit.ly/5kNewLenox](http://bit.ly/5kNewLenox) to learn more and register.

This non-profit event is presented by the New Lenox School District 122 Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and Wellness Committee. All proceeds and donations will be evenly presented to 2 nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Will-Grundy and NLSD122 PTO.





# 5K RUN/WALK

FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

**9am | New Lenox Commons**

## Featuring:

- Chip & bib 5K run/walk
- Wellness Fair
- Free fitness classes
- Youth activities
- Food trucks

**Donations accepted, and sponsorships are available.**

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TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER  
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or scan this image



NAMI Will-Grundy (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is based out of Joliet, IL. Its mission is to provide advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

The NLSD 122 PTO (New Lenox School District 122 Parent/Teacher Organization) raises funds to help better the students/ education and wellness through library, music, art and physical education program enhancements, replenishing indoor and outdoor recess equipment, academic support grants and assemblies as well as teacher reimbursements and student scholarships.



*Believe  
You Can*

**5K RUN/WALK**  
FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS



## NLSD 122 PTO CORNER

Current events: Pie sale is currently going on and we are so excited to partner with our very own FLECKENSTEIN'S in New Lenox. Pie orders are to be in by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pick up will be Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 7a.m.-3:30p.m. This is a great way to support local and our wonderful school district. Please make checks payable to NLSD 122 PTO.

Pizza kits will be available for purchase starting December 1<sup>st</sup>.

BINGO is January 21<sup>st</sup>, so mark your calendars! If you know of any business' looking to donate baskets for raffle, please reach out to us on Facebook messenger or [www.newlenoxpto.org](http://www.newlenoxpto.org).

BOWLING will be held in February. We are looking for 2 people to co-chair this event. Please reach out if you are interested.

5K walk/run for Mental Health and Wellness registration opens for Black Friday on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Registrants 12 and under will receive a t-shirt, bib and timing chip with their registration. There will also be a Wellness Fair as well with local businesses that promote mental wellness. Volunteers are needed for this event.

Chicago Wolves Hockey would like to do a fundraiser with the PTO. If you are interested in helping, this is an easy way to get involved.

**\*\*We would like to send a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all that contribute with our fundraisers. This all could not be possible without YOU!**

**\*\*If you would like to VOLUNTEER for anything please reach out to us. Being involved with the PTO is so rewarding.**

Next meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Martino Jr. High School. Their own band/choir will be there as well. Come out, we would love to meet you!

[www.newlenoxpto.org](http://www.newlenoxpto.org)

