

The Riccardi Review

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January 2022



Dear Riccardi Families:

I would like to thank our Riccardi community, the faculty and staff, families and, of course, our students, for working together in keeping our school a fun, safe place to learn.

Once again, thank you to our dedicated PTA members for providing our students with an alternative to the Holiday Ornament Activity Night. This year, the PTA assembled and distributed ornament kits to all students for a very special **Ornament and Holiday Fun Day** on December 22nd. Thank you especially to Heather Dodd for compiling the ornament kits. Thank you to our Riccardi faculty and staff for collaborating on a video holiday "concert" featuring each class performing a song! I know students enjoyed putting together their ornaments at school, listening to music sung by their classmates, and spending some frosty time outside with hot cocoa! 'Tis the season of giving and I am very grateful for all of the PTA's and faculty and staff's help in making that possible for our students this year.

A special thank you to PTA member Patricia Ferris for organizing and running a very successful **Book Fair**. Thank you to our parent volunteers for your time and to all families for supporting the Book Fair. The students were very excited while selecting their books. It was great to have the Book Fair back again!

Reminder with the return of chilly temperatures, students should be dressed appropriately for wintertime outdoor recess. Riccardi follows district guidelines for deciding when to hold recess outdoors. If the temperature is above 20° (factoring in wind chill), students will be sent outside for recess with outdoor games for fresh air and exercise. Also, **please consider labelling the inside of your children's clothing with their name or initials to avoid unknown belongings in the Lost and Found.**

REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSINGS, DELAYS AND EARLY DISMISSALS: Saugerties Central School District will utilize the usual emergency closings. Regarding emergency closings communication, the district uses an automated phone dialer system to notify parents and guardians of school closings, delays and early dismissals. Please be sure we have your current information on file so that you receive these important messages. At this time, emergency contact information should be updated if there have been changes since the beginning of the school year by e-mailing our attendance secretary, Mrs. Naccarato, at mnaccarato@saugerties.k12.ny.us. The district will continue to email/text updates to families as well. If you would like to subscribe to text updates, text "yes" to 67587. **In addition, please refer to the following sources for your information: Saugerties School District Web site: www.saugerties.k12.ny.us or www.cancellations.com. Please review with your children the procedure they should follow in the event of an early dismissal and you are not at home.**

I extend my most sincere wishes to you and your family for a new year filled with peace, kindness, health, happiness and all things great in 2022!

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



**Take a
Look:**



**January
Calendar**



PTA Notes



**Student
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**Coach's
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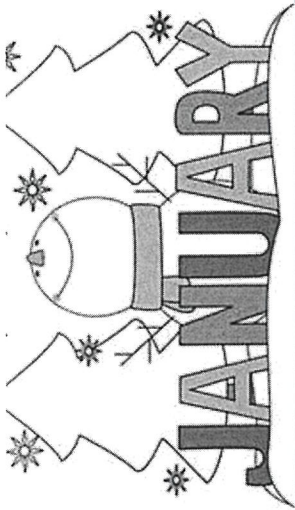
**Notes about
Music**




**Notes about
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**January
Menus**



Riccardi Calendar

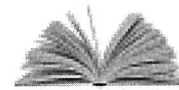
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Winter Recess		1 Happy New Year
2	3 *No afterschool activities/late buses *Bitty Basketball Begins	4 PTA Meeting 3:30 pm	5 F	6 A	7 B	8 C
9	10 D	11 BOE Meeting 6:30pm @ Riccardi	12 E	13 F	14 A	15 B
16	17 Schools Closed	18	19 C	20 D	21 E	22 F
23	24 A	25	26 B	27 C	28 - School-wide Read-a-thon to kick off PARP - End of Second Quarter	29 E
30	31 F					
<p>February Preview: 2/1/22 - PTA Meeting 6 pm 2/4/22 - Report Cards/Quar. Awards Go Home 2/21/22 - CLOSED Presidents' Day 2/22-2/25/22 - Kindergarten Registrations</p>						

Reminder: letter days are subject to change with possible use of snow days. As of 12/23/21, we have not used any snow days out of the 6 available for the district to use. Please refer to the district calendar for more details regarding snow days.

Please check the district website, radio or local TV stations for closure notices. You will also receive calls/texts with closure/delay messages if you were added to the district message "blasts" list. To add your number, text 67587.



Read-A-Thon



Is Friday January 14th

Box Tops is digital. Check out our Facebook for more information.



• Riccardi will be hosting the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday January 11th at 6:30pm

6:00pm meet the board

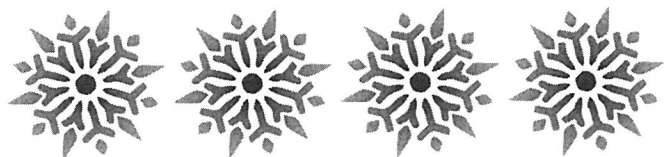
• The Read-A-Thon will be on January 14th, to kick off our annual PARP program.

• The Board of Education meeting will be hosted at Riccardi this month.

• If you would like to bring in a food item look for the signup.com link on our page.

• Enrichments will be starting again this spring: Art club, lego club, Mad Science and yoga

Did you know PTA Membership Drive Dues help us provide great things for our students & school? Just joining helps!



January PTA News

Reach us at: riccardipta@gmail.com

Also be sure to "Like us on Facebook" for updates &

news  [https:// www.facebook.com/RiccardiPTA](https://www.facebook.com/RiccardiPTA)

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday

January 4th @ 3:30 PM

From the Presidents –

Happy New Year!

Thank you for all the volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair. Without your help this event could not run as smoothly as it did. Thanks again!

The students loved having a fun day making ornaments and a cup of hot chocolate! Thank you to Heather Dodd for all her hard work to get all the pieces ready for our day!

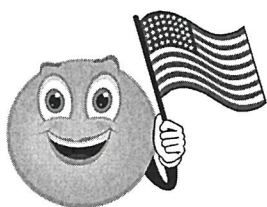
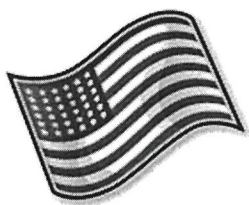
As the new year starts rolling out I want to give a few reminders:

I would like this time to thank our yoga instructor, Patricia Ferris for her time and efforts. The kids really enjoyed going to yoga! If you have an idea for a new club or would like to volunteer to teach the students something new, then please message us on Facebook.

Your membership will need to be renewed this year. If you have not done so already please PM us for a form.

Here is to a great winter season, Maureen and Jamie

Presidents: Maureen Mayone and Jamie Hewitt Treasurer: Sara Fyffe
Recording Secretary: TBD Corresponding Secretary: Heather Dood



RICCARDI STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

Dear Parents and Staff,

We had a successful December with our surprise spirit day, "Drop Everything and Dance". We enjoyed stopping what we were working on and dancing to some holiday classics! It turned out to be a big hit!

The Student Government members are busy planning a spirit day in January that everyone, students and staff, will all enjoy! It is a spirit day we have had in the past and it was a very popular one. We are hoping it will be popular again this time. Stay tuned for more information to come out in January.

Sincerely,
Riccardi Student Government

January 2022 Coach's Corner

Auld Lang Syne

So long 2021 - a memorable year in many ways. We in PE get to see kids run around, play, smile and laugh - so we are thankful for that and looking forward to more of the same in the new year! In 2022 we will continue to stress good sportsmanship, cooperation and being supportive of one another - life skills if you will, just in a PE setting.

Our upper grades will conclude their Basketball unit in the new year and get going with Volleyball. We teach the basics of the game including serve, set, and bump. We'll also practice overhand serving and hitting with the 6th graders. We will use rally scoring, which awards a point to a team after each volley; you don't have to serve to score. Usually these games go to 25 points and move along quickly. This is a Modified Sport for girls in the Junior High. There are tryouts in the Fall.

The younger classes will learn about some net games and work on eye-hand coordination. We will use a variety of light weight slow moving balls. We will also do some new dances and lots of running around.

Take a Hike in the New Year

Check out these websites for winter hiking ideas - bundle up, keep moving and grab a hot chocolate once you're done!

<https://hvmag.com/life-style/5-winter-hikes/>

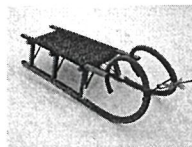
<https://hvparent.com/cold-hiking-spots>

Twelve Days of Fitness PE Challenge

In case you missed it - and of course you probably did not as everyone is talking about it...well maybe someone. Anyway - here is our holiday/New Year activity, which we call our *Twelve Days of Fitness Challenge*.

In addition to your normal activities, below are Twelve Challenges - students can do them all in one day or one per day for twelve days. It is just for fun and feel free to let us know if you did do it. You can also create your own challenges.

- _____ First Day of Fitness – 1 minute of Jumping Jacks
- _____ Second Day of Fitness – 30 seconds of Mountain Climbers
- _____ Third Day of Fitness – Choose Fruit over Cookies
- _____ Fourth Day of Fitness – 1 minute of Jump Rope or Ski Jumps side to side over a line
- _____ Fifth Day of Fitness – Walk for 20 minutes
- _____ Sixth Day of Fitness – Supports – rear, front, side, hold for 15 seconds each



- _____ Seventh Day of Fitness – go sleigh riding (be optimistic - we will have snow)
- _____ Eighth Day of Fitness – Drink water instead of soda or a sports drink
- _____ Ninth Day of Fitness – nine curl-ups – three times (27)
- _____ Tenth Day of Fitness – have a snowball fight (be pessimistic - we will have snow)
- _____ Eleventh Day of Fitness – eleven push-ups
- _____ Twelfth Day of Fitness – 12 Burpees

Good luck and we in PE wish you Happy, Healthy Holidays!!



Notes about Vocal/General Music

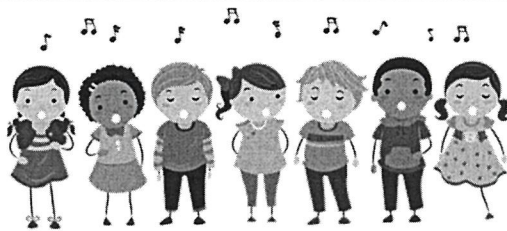


HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

In our General Music classes...

Intermediate grade level students will begin learning about some famous composers:

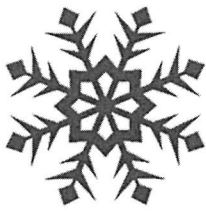
- Beethoven
- Bach
- Strauss, Jr



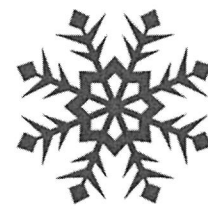
Questions? Concerns?

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns

ibusia@saugerties.k12.ny.us



Notes about Band



Band Lessons with Mrs. Hansen are on C and D Days

C days: All 6th Grade and some 5th Grade

D days: Some 5th Grade and all 4th Grade

Instrument Repairs and Supplies

In the event that a repair to your child's instrument is needed, please make arrangements directly with the music store where you rented the instrument. Instruments can be picked up and dropped off at the school. Also, if you are in need of supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc), please contact the stores for delivery. Contact information for the music stores can be found on my school webpage.

December Lesson Days

(will change if there is a snow day)

C day:

January 7, 18, 26

D day:

January 10, 19, 27

Winter Reminder

- If we miss a lesson day due to a full day school closing, we will have that lesson on the day we return to school. We do not skip letter days. The missed letter day happens when we return.
- There will be lessons on days with delayed openings. Bring instruments on these days.
- Please check my webpage for the most up to date information on delay days or after a snow day. Updates will also be emailed. Let me know if you'd like to be added to the email list.

Questions? Concerns?

Feel free to contact me

shansen@saugerties.k12.ny.us

All Students will need a Lesson Book!

- The lesson book for all instruments *except drums* is Essential Elements, Book 1 (for your specific instrument).
- The lesson book for drum students is Breeze Easy Book 1 for Drums.

Practice

All students have music to practice at home. Specific practice materials will vary from group to group but will include one or more of the following:

- Scales
- Examples in the lesson book
- Music handed out in lessons

Please contact me with any questions about what your student should be practicing.

**Thank you for your
participation and interest in the
instrumental music program!**



LUNCH

JANUARY 2022

Elementary Lunch Menu

PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.com

MY SCHOOL
BUCKS

Monday

Chicken Nuggets **3**
Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy
Green Beans
Dinner Roll

Bosco Sticks **10**
With Marinara Sauce
Green Beans

Schools Closed
MLK Jr. Day **17**

Macaroni & Cheese **24**
Broccoli
Dinner Roll

Chicken Tenders **31**
Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy
Green Beans
Dinner Roll

Tuesday

Big Daddy's **4**
Pizza
Caesar Salad

Big Daddy's **11**
Pizza
Winter Vegetable Mix

Bid Daddy's **18**
Pizza
Caesar Salad

Big Daddy's **25**
Pizza
Winter Vegetable Mix

Alternate Entrées Daily –
Peanut Butter & Jelly,
Fresh Salad with Crispy
Chicken, Turkey Sandwich
& Veggie Burger

Wednesday

Grilled Cheese **5**
Sandwich
Tater Tots
Baked Beans

Chicken Tenders **12**
Potato Wedges
Broccoli
Dinner Roll

Chicken Nuggets **19**
Baked Beans
Broccoli
Dinner Roll

Popcorn Chicken **26**
Seasoned Rice
& Gravy
Carrots

Thursday

Cheeseburger **6**
Sliders
Chips
Corn

Soft Shell Tacos **13**
With Salsa
Refried Beans
Corn

Beef Nachos **20**
With Cheese & Salsa
Corn

Soft Shell Tacos **27**
With Salsa
Refried Beans
Corn

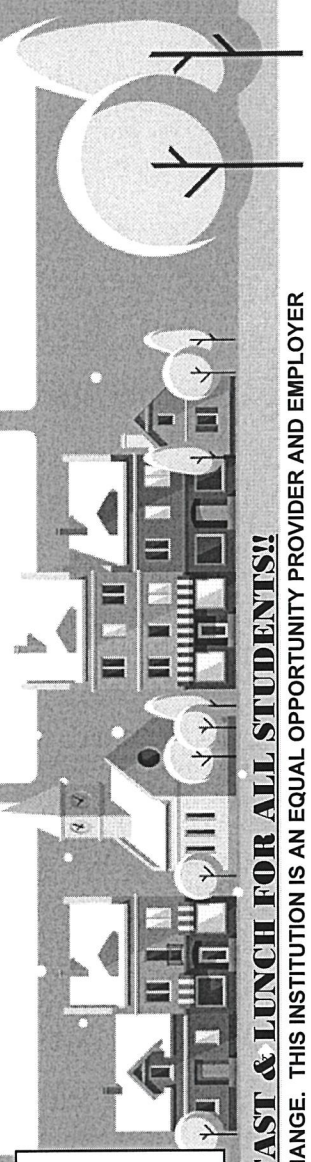
Friday

Hot Dog **7**
Macaroni & Cheese
Baby Carrots
& Ranch

Mozzarella Sticks **14**
With Marinara Sauce
Carrots

French Toast Sticks **21**
Canadian Bacon
Scooby Grahams
Cucumbers & Ranch

Hamburger or **28**
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Green Beans



FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS!!

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER
!!!!ALERT!!!!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT A NEW APPLICATION FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS. A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR. THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS THAT ARE RETURNED AND APPROVED CAN AFFECT HOW MUCH FUNDING OUR SCHOOL GETS TO HELP STUDENTS MEET ACADEMIC BENCHMARKS, INCLUDING MATERIALS LIKE BOOKS AND COMPUTERS. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 247-6651 Ext 1770.

GOOD MORNING!!

**START YOUR DAY WITH BREAKFAST
AT SCHOOL**

ALL MEALS AT SCHOOL ARE FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITES TO MAKE A COMPLETE MEAL.

**CHOOSE: FROM AN ASSORTMENT OF COLD CEREALS
OR
BREAKFAST BARS**

CHOOSE: FRESH FRUIT, FRUIT CUP OR JUICE

CHOOSE: 1% WHITE OR CHOCOLATE SKIM MILK

