

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 25, 2011

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 30 – PM Kindergarten attends all day. **A Day** for Jr. High scholars.

Friday, December 9 – Jr. High Winter Ball, 6-9 pm.

Thursday, December 15 – Winter Concert & Art Exhibit

NOVEMBER BUILDERS THEME: EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

The author G.B. Stern said, "Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone." Sometimes the best way to express your gratitude is to just say it! We never know how much a sincere 'thank you' can mean to others. This week at school we will focus on helping our scholars to remember to express heartfelt thanks when the opportunities arise!

EXCELSIOR ACADEMY GIVING TREE

Each year Excelsior Academy has a Giving Tree to provide help for families in need of assistance during the holidays. This year we have six families that need help during the holidays. The tree will be located in the front office and there are many different items that need to be purchased. Any donations for these families will be greatly appreciated.

CARPOOL

We have found that many cars are coming through carpool without their colored carpool number signs. If you have lost your card please come and get another from the front office. Having the colored card with your carpool number clearly displayed in your window facilitates an efficient carpool. It also is a security measure so that we can ensure that only those authorized may pick up our scholars.

INSPIRATIONS ART PROGRAM

The theme for the 2011-2012 art program is "*My Favorite Things*". Projects can be turned in at any time until the final due date of **December 16th**.

The age group divisions for the competition are **k-2, 3-5, 6-8**. The available categories for projects are:

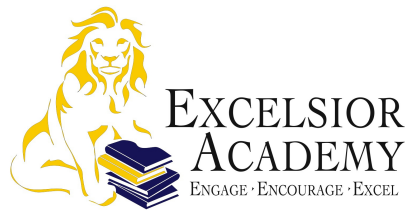
Photography, Musical Composition, Theatre, Literature, 3-D Art, Film/Video, Choreography/Dance, and Digital Art.

Projects must be turned in with completed entry forms to **Mr. Petersen**. Be sure to read and follow the rules for the category entered. For more information about the program, including specific rules for each category and copies of entry forms, please visit the school website www.excelsior-academy.org. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Petersen at bpetersen@excelsior-academy.org.

NEWS FROM THE JR. HIGH

JR. HIGH WINTER BALL

It's time for our Jr. High Winter Ball! Mark Friday, December 9, 2011 on your calendars. Beginning Monday our Jr. High scholars will be learning about table etiquette, proper conversation, thank you card writing and ballroom dancing.



Dinner will start at 6:00 pm followed with dancing from 7 – 9 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for the dinner and dance or \$2.00 for just the dance. Tickets can be purchased at either the front office or the Jr. High office.

Please note the following dress code for the ball:

Boys: Oxford style shirt, tie, dress pants, and dress shoes.

No sneakers

Socks should be a dark solid color.

Belts need to be plain, and black or brown

No detachable belt buckles, chains or piercing

Girls: Must wear formal/semi formal dress or skirts

Tights, nylons, or pantyhose are required

Formal shoes with no more than a 2-½ inch heel; no flip flops allowed

Make-up should be moderate

Jewelry should not be distracting and piercing are limited to one earring per ear

No sleeveless dresses/tops, skirts must come to the knee and midsections must be covered

It is sure to be an exciting evening for our 7th and 8th grade scholars!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The FSO is looking for round tables for our Jr. High Winter Ball. If you have table that you would allow to be used during the ball please contact Audrey Bell at abell@excelsior-academy.org.