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# Switzer Eagle Sentinel

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## December 2020



**Charitable Collections**  
**Santa Land**

**Dress for Winter**  
**Grace Centers for Hope**

**Student Illness**  
**Science Olympiad**



The "Masterminds" did a great job this past month at Thunderquest. They placed in the top 10 overall out of 48 teams at the lego robotic tournament. We wish them good luck at the state tournament this Saturday!

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Happy Holiday wishes are extended to all! Parent-teacher conferences were a tremendous success. It is great to report that our conference attendance rate was 99%! The support and communication between our parents and the school staff is vital and appreciated. Winter weather has decided to come early and stick around for a while. As long as it above 10 degrees, including wind chill factor, we will be going outside for recess. Please keep this in mind when you send your child off to school. Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots need to be worn to protect your child from the elements. In the event that the temperature does fall below 10 degrees we will be having inside recess.

We also scheduled charity drives to help local families. Our Student Council/School has arranged for the following collections:

### Giving Tree: (through December 6)

Tags are available with specific needs of families in the community. The gifts are organized by Eisenhower students and delivered before the holidays. If you take a tag, please do not wrap the gift (gift bags are best) and please include a gift receipt. Extra tags are available at Switzer.

### Lions Club Food Drive (through December 6)

We are collecting non-perishable food items. The Shelby Township Lions Club will distribute the non-perishable food items we collect to local families in our community.

### Toys for Tots (pick up December 12 11am)

The Switzer Student Council has partnered with the United States Marine Corps to sponsor their annual Toys for Tots collection. We are looking for brand new, unwrapped toys. Please consider bringing in a toy to donate.

### Mitten Tree (through December 6)

Winter can be cold and uncomfortable without proper clothing. Switzer is sponsoring a hat and mitten tree. If you would like to donate, please send new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and/or socks for our special giving tree. All collection boxes will be located in the lobby and main office.

Thank you for your giving spirit. Have a safe and happy holiday season from our Switzer family to yours.

Sincerely,

Jacob Palmer

# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4 Science Olympiad Meeting (4-6) @ 6pm	5 Popcorn Sale \$.50 at lunch	6 Student Council: Tie Dye Day  Pancakes with Santa	7 Good Luck Masterminds at State Lego Tournament
8	9 Bagel Day	10	11	12 Popcorn Sale \$.50 at lunch  Toys for Tots Pick up (11am)	13 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip  SC: Movie Character Day  PBIS Medal winners k-3	14
15	16 Santa Land	17 Santa Land	18 Santa Land  Ike Show Choir visits 12:45  Science Olympiad Forms Due	19 Santa Land	20 Santa Land	21
22 	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL  SEE YOU	25 NO SCHOOL  JAN. 2, 2020	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 



## Holiday recess begins

Holiday recess will begin at the close of school on Friday, December 20th. School resumes on Thursday, January 2nd. The Switzer staff wishes everyone the happiest of holiday seasons and a safe and wonderful New Year!

## Santa Land Shopping

It's that time again...Santa Land! Santa Land is a student only Santa Shop which allows our children to shop for all those special people in their life. All items are \$2 and gift wrapping is included. Santa Land items are being supplied by "Fun Services" in Bellevue Michigan. We look forward to working with them. Your child will be bringing home a form along with their shopping schedule soon.

We need volunteers! Santa Land won't run without parent involvement! This year, Santa Land will be December 16th thru December 20<sup>th</sup>. Setup will take place on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to volunteer for as many or as few shifts as their schedule allows.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DA9AC23ABF85-2019>

Please note this event is CASH ONLY.

## Science Olympiad

Informational packets with registration forms for Science Olympiad (grades 4-6) should have come home before Thanksgiving. There will be an informational meeting December 4th at 6:00PM in the Media Center for anyone interested in joining or getting more information about the program.

Registration forms are due by December 18th. Please email Leslie Benner at [switzerelementaryso@gmail.com](mailto:switzerelementaryso@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Thank you Health Team

The health team has had a busy start to the year. They organized fun activities for "Red Ribbon Week" and they helped raise over 300 cans of food for the Samaritan House during that special week.



## Brrr...children are expected to participate in outdoor recess

Recess is an important part of the school day. It gives the children a chance to release some of their pent-up energy, and clear their minds for the remainder of the school day.

**All** students are expected to go out for recess, unless we have a doctor's note saying they must stay inside. This is true even during warmer months.

At Switzer, students will go out for recess whenever the wind-chill is **10 degrees or higher**. We use weather.com to determine the wind-chill. Proper clothing for outside recess is a **necessity**. Children should dress warmly with gloves, scarves, boots, coats and hats. Children may not remain in the classroom when their class goes out for recess, since the teachers go outside also. If a child is well enough to attend school, they are expected to participate in recess as well.

## Say boo to the flu!!!!

Even though the peak seasonal influenza months are January, February and March, now is the time to be vaccinated against the flu. Immunity takes 2-3 weeks to develop. The flu vaccine has been shown to prevent illness in about 85% of healthy people under age 65.



The symptoms of seasonal flu are:

- Cough
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Stuffy or runny nose
- Muscle aches

Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) are not associated with influenza. They are caused by other bacteria or viral infections.

If you or your child gets the seasonal flu:

- Check with your doctor about treatment
- Stay home to avoid spreading it to others
- Drink lots of fluids
- Get plenty of rest

Some steps you can take during flu season to stay healthy and reduce the severity of the disease if exposed:

- Eat right
- Get enough physical activity
- Manage stress
- Get enough sleep
- Wash hands regularly
- Stay away from crowded places
- Drink eight glasses of water per day

## When should your child stay home from school?

Protecting your child's health and preventing the spread of illness to other students is your responsibility as a parent. Please keep your child home if you notice any of the following things:

### Contagious Diseases

Call the school immediately if your child develops any of the following diseases:

Chicken Pox	Hepatitis
Mumps	Strep Throat
Scarlet Fever	Impetigo
Rheumatic Fever	Pink Eye
Hard/German Measles	Ring Worm
Hand/Foot/Mouth	Flu

### Elevated Temperature – Fever

Your child **MUST** be fever free for a full 24 hours before returning to school.

### Vomiting and / Diarrhea

Your child **MUST** be symptom free for a full 24 hours before returning to school.

### Cold or symptoms of an Upper Respiratory Infection

Such as persistent cough, green nasal discharge, sore throat and congestion.

### Lice

Your child must stay home until treatment is complete and school officials confirm he or she is free of both lice and nits. Check your child's head routinely during the school year or if he or she complains of an itchy scalp.

### Suspicious Skin Rashes/Suspicious Infections

We appreciate your support in this matter. If you should have any questions regarding your child and an illness, please do not hesitate to call the school office.



**Student council is sponsoring two contests to help Grace Centers of Hope**

### **Donation Drive**

November 25 - December 16

Each grade is assigned something to donate.

The grade with the most items will win a popsicle party.

Kindergarten - Baby wipes

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Kid's socks

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - One and half inch 3 ring binders

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Women's socks

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Toilet paper

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Men's Socks

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Men's White T-shirts



### **Meal Tickets**

A meal at Grace Centers of Hope costs \$2.05.

Students donate any monetary value.

The class that has the most meal tickets (amount class raises/\$2.05) will win pizza party.  
Label baggie/envelope of money with **"teacher's name and meal tickets"**.

### **Collection days**

**Tuesday, November 26**

**Friday, December 6**

**Friday, December 13**

# IT'S ALL ABOUT MUSIC!



## HIGHLIGHTS

2019 - 2020

Nancy Cannava  
Switzer Elementary  
Music Teacher



**JUSTIN PIONK**  
First Band Karate  
Black Belt Recipient



**ISABEL SHOCK**  
Second Band Karate  
Black Belt Recipient



**JUMPBANDS**  
Keeping the rhythm



**TIDEO**  
American Folk Dance



**DRAMATIZATION**  
Pumpkin Song