



## LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### BURBANK BULLETIN

December 11, 2017

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As was predicted, we had our first December snowfall this weekend. The potential for more snow is on our doorstep as we head towards the “official” first day of winter next week. While I know we have many snow lovers in our midst, I’m not certain I’m ready for the long winter haul ahead. With that said, the weather forecast is a timely reminder to write with our district protocols for the cancellation and delayed opening of school. Decisions regarding school closings are made by the superintendent’s office with the primary purpose of keeping our students and staff safe on the road. Oftentimes these decisions are challenging to make with quickly changing, and often unpredictable, weather patterns. The evening before and early morning of a weather event, the superintendent is in contact with neighboring superintendents, the NRSD Director of Facilities, and Lancaster, Bolton, and Stow DPW superintendents to make a collaborative decision in the best of our students and staff in light of the weather information at hand. Should a decision be made that impacts school, an announcement of a closing or a delay will be communicated via SchoolMessenger and [local tv and radio stations](#). The information will also be posted on the front page of the [NRSD website](#). Families are asked to not call the school or Lancaster police department to learn if school has been cancelled or has a delayed opening. For SchoolMessenger purposes, please help us by ensuring that all of your family’s emergency contact information is current. This includes cell phone numbers, home and work phone numbers, and email addresses. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson so aptly stated: “The hard soil and four months of snow make the inhabitants of the northern temperate zone wiser and abler than his fellow who enjoys the fixed smile of the tropics.”

So, stay warm and remain wise!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Dates to Remember

December 12 –LBMS Basketball v. Florence Sawyer @ Sawyer; Boys @3:30 PM; Girls @ 4:45 PM  
December 14 – LBMS Basketball v. Hale @ LBMS; Boys @ 3:30 PM, Girls @ 4:45 PM  
December 14 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students DC Fundraiser Coffee Cake Pick-up, 2:30 – 6:00 PM  
December 14 - Winter Concert, 6:30 PM  
December 15 – Report cards issued  
December 19 – LBMS Basketball v. Fowler MS @ Fowler; Boys @ 3:30 PM, Girls @ 4:45 PM  
December 21 – LBMS Basketball v. Clinton MS @ Clinton; Boys @ 3:30 PM, Girls @ 4:45 PM  
December 22 – Honor Roll breakfast  
December 22 – Chorus performs National Anthem at Worcester Railers HC game  
December 23-January 2 – Winter Break (school resumes, January 3)

### A Note About Safety

The Lancaster Police Department has asked me to send out a safety reminder to families. As you may be aware, oftentimes there is a backup of cars on Main Street (Rte. 70) waiting to turn onto Route 117 particularly in the late afternoon. As a result, it sometimes takes several minutes to be able to turn into our school parking lot. Please be reminded of the importance of waiting to turn into the parking lot and not crossing the double yellow line to enter. Traveling northbound in the southbound lane is not safe and presents great potential for a car or pedestrian accident. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Luther Burbank RoboLancers – A Shout Out!

On Saturday, December 2, our LBMS robotics team, the RoboLancers, competed in the 2017 FIRST Lego League Tournament in Marlboro. The team definitely made us proud, receiving commendations from the judges about their communication, enthusiasm, and overall collaboration. A special thank you to Mrs. Sama for her leadership with the team as well. Great work, indeed!

### Honor Roll Breakfast

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00-7:30 a.m., we will be hosting an honor roll breakfast. Students achieving honor roll or high honor roll, and their parents/guardians, will be invited to enjoy breakfast together with us before school the Friday morning before vacation to celebrate the accomplishment. Eligible students will receive an invitation in their report card envelope this Friday. We will be requiring RSVPs by Tuesday, December 19, so that we may plan accordingly. Bon Appétit!

### NRHS Holiday Band & Choir Concerts

On Friday, December 15 at 7:00 PM, the Nashoba Music Department will present a combined band and choir holiday concert. Pieces that will be performed include such classics as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Carol of the Bells, a Hanukkah Festival, and Mary Did You Know. At the end of the performance, all ensembles will join together for three knock-out combined numbers including An Irving Berlin Christmas, Peace, and Sleigh Ride. At the end of the performance, please join us for a short reception to celebrate this exciting event. Admission is \$5 and free for students and seniors.

## LBMS Choir to Sing at Worcester Railers Game, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

On Friday, December 22, at 7:05, the LBMS Chorus will be singing the National Anthem at the Worcester Railers HC game at the DCU center. Tickets are \$15/person with an option to add \$3 for a Railers hat. It would be great to have our community there to cheer on our students (and our new local ECHL hockey team)! Tickets must be ordered by December 8th. This is not a fundraising event, it is a community event. [See attached flyer!](#)

### FROM THE NURSE:

Flu Season Is HERE! News reports indicate that the flu has arrived in Massachusetts early this year, just in time for the Holidays! It is still not too late to get the flu shot, though. While the flu shot is not a 100% guarantee that you will not get the flu, it will lessen the severity of any symptoms. While you may be healthy and able to withstand the flu without developing complications, there may be others in your life that are at a higher risk for developing complications from the flu. Those over 65, pregnant women, young children, and people of any age with a chronic health condition like asthma, diabetes or a heart condition are at a greater risk. The flu shot is safe and easy to get. It is readily available from CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreens. Consider getting yours today if you have not already done so!

In addition to getting the flu shot, you can protect yourself by disinfecting surfaces in your home; frequent handwashing, maintaining a healthy diet, getting plenty of rest and avoiding touching your nose, eyes and mouth especially when in public places. You can protect others when you have the flu by staying home when you are sick. For additional information on the flu and flu shots, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

### WHAT EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT VAPING

There are two informational sheets attached about the tobacco industry's latest attempt to get teens hooked on nicotine. Please take a minute to read them over. They have developed new ways of getting a new generation hooked on nicotine with vape pens and e-cigarettes. These products are inexpensive, readily available at convenience stores, gas stations and mini-marts, come in a variety of fun flavors, AND.....are totally unregulated and legal to be sold to ANYONE! Nicotine is highly addictive and affects the normal development of young brains. To learn more, visit [GetOutraged.org](http://GetOutraged.org)

Picture of the Week



RoboLancers waiting for scores to be tallied at the 2017 FIRST Lego League Tournament in Marlboro