



## Valhalla Community School

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“Seasons Greetings”

**Please note the following protocols and procedures:**

**these courtesies allow for greater student safety and home-school communication:**

The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.

Please have items for the newsletter in on Monday of each week. Thank you.

Bus cancellations and notices are kept current on the website.

If your child(ren) are going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver.

If your child is going home with a friend or to a neighbor, please send a note to the bus driver and to the school.

If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.

**Please share** this information with your children and family. Thank you.

**School Information & Updates:**

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> is **regular** classes and is a **kindergarten** day. This is also a **hot lunch** day for those who have ordered.

**The Christmas Concert** is Tuesday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. This year we will have **two performances**; an afternoon performance at **1:30pm** and evening performance at **7:00pm** (students need to be here at **6:30pm** to get ready for the performance). The staff would encourage, those who are able, to come in the afternoon as the gym can comfortably **seat 200 guests (approximately)** at each performance.

Costumes will need to be here by **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** so the student will have time for a full dress rehearsal.

There are some **important changes** to the way the **Christmas Concert** will function this year. **1.** There **will NOT** be coffee and snacks after the concert due to the very limited space here in the building. **2.** Those attending will **need to be seated** in the seats available; evacuation routes must be maintained throughout the gym facility. **3.** Please feel free to use the Lutheran Church parking lot (either side) if the school yard is full.

The **students** have asked about a **student gift exchange**. If your child would like to take part in the gift exchange, they will need to bring a gift for a student of their own gender- girl bring a girl gift, boy bring a boy gift or bring a gift that could be for a girl or boy. A **\$10.00 maximum** value is suggested. The gift is to be **wrapped** and **labeled** as

boy gift, girl gift or boy or girl gift and will be placed under the Christmas tree in the **classroom**. The gift exchange will take place on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Skating** is tentatively scheduled for **January & February** as part of the physical education program. We are looking forward to going to the rink here in Valhalla for up to 4 lessons. Students wishing to take part in this opportunity will need to have their own **skates and helmet**. As this is natural ice, we hope Mother Nature will support us in this venture.

**Thank you** for those who returned the information sheet regarding having the weekly newsletter sent as email or paper. As most wish to **continue as is**, that is what we shall do. It continues to be available on the website.

**Note from Mrs. Krause:** Piano lessons will finish up today and resume after the holidays.

**Bus Driver's Corner:**

Be certain to **dress** for the **weather**. **Listen to the radio** or check the **website** for changes to bus times or cancellations. The radio station will identify the school by name as Valhalla Community School.

**School Council:**

The School Council will be hosting a '**silent auction**' during the Christmas Concert. Each family **is invited** to send in an item for this venture **by December 11<sup>th</sup>**. This will allow time to plan set-up and tag the items for the evening of the Christmas Concert. This is a fundraising event for the School Council and the money raised is used to support activities in the school. Bidding will close shortly after the concert ends.

**Volunteers** are needed to assist with the Spring Lake **ski hill**, Friday **hot lunch** program and **recycle** (to the Mercantile bins).

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**Community News:**

**Valhalla Community Library:** regular **library hours** are: Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm.

Susan Thomson, Principal

"Flexible people never get bent out of shape." Anonymous