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December 9-23, 2011

December 15: Quint 2 Ends, Winterfest

December 16: Holiday Break Begins

Upper School Play Production

December 8-11

NWS Theatre

Thursday-Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Matinee, 2:00 p.m.

The Upper School Play, "In the Shadow of the Mississippi," will be performed this weekend. Adapted and directed by Laura Ferri from four short stories about the South from the perspective of woman: "Why I Live at the P.O" and "Lily Daw and the Three Ladies" by Eudora Welty, "Mob Madness" by Marion V. Cuthbert and "At the 'Cadian Ball" by Kate Chopin. The fabulous set was built by the Stage Craft Class under the direction of Bill Johns.

The newly renovated NWS Theatre now has a booth for our technicians, an upgraded lighting system, and other wonderful additions. Tickets are free. We are no longer taking reservations at this time, but there will be plenty of seats available at the Theatre. To get the best seating, please arrive by 6.30 p.m.

Please note that there is a story in the second act that is quite dark and is not suitable for young children. Please email [Laura Ferri](#) if you have any questions.

To order a DVD of the production, please email [Robynn Polansky](#).

Winter Music Concert

Wednesday, December 14

7:00-9:00 p.m.

[Town Hall](#)

Please join us for the Winter Music Concert at Seattle's Town Hall. All NWS music ensembles will be performing.

Exciting Opportunity, Urgent Request

The NWS Dorm is closed over winter break and we have five students who are not returning home who need a place to stay. Please consider sharing your holidays with a student far from home. It is possible to split the break between two families.

The dorm closes Saturday, December 17, at noon, and reopens Monday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Please contact Amy Berner-Hays at amy.berner-hays@northwestschool.org if you are interested.

This is a great opportunity for middle or upper school families!

After School Program

There will be no after school program on the last day of the Quint, Thursday, December 15, unless someone arranges that ahead of time. To do so, contact [Barbara Pinti](#) and [Tuney Kannapell](#).

Friday Night Ski and Snowboard Program

It is almost time to hit the slopes with The Northwest School Friday Night Ski and Snowboard Program. Our program is different from other schools' programs in that we take our own bus and we don't limit ourselves to just six weeks. We will start the program at the end of Quint 2 with a trip on Thursday, December 15 (the final day of school before holiday break), if Snoqualmie is open. After that, we go on Friday 1/6, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, and 3/9. There are Fridays when we don't have the Ski Bus because there is a conflict with an overnight outdoor trip such as the "Mt. Baker Igloo Trip" on MLK weekend. Please check the Outdoor Program online schedule for specifics on all the outdoor trips including the ski bus: <http://www.northwestschool.org/calendar/outdoor.shtml>.

General information about the Outdoor Program including Friday Night Ski Bus Information, Guidelines and Expectations, Financial Aid, and NWS Student Season Pass Info can be found here:

<http://www.northwestschool.org/outdoor-program>. Only NWS students are eligible to purchase a discounted season pass, and passes must be purchased before December 15. The pass application is password protected on our website. You can access it with the following login and password:

Login: parents

Password: mtAdams1112

For more information about the NWS Outdoor Program, contact [Glen Sterr](#) or [Herb Bergamini](#). Contact [Mike Mullen](#) with any questions about the NWS Student Discounted Summit-at Snoqualmie Season Passes.

Donations for Cuba

Donations are being collected by Mitchell '13 and Sophie '15 Katz to support their large extended family's mission to Cuba over winter break. They will be delivering aid including clothing, medical supplies, and toys to a synagogue for the benefit of men, women, and children. As the Cuban guide indicated, "we need everything." But here is a suggested list, only gently used or new items please: plain t-shirts or with American logos, new socks and undergarments, purses or scarves for gifts for women, vitamins for adults or children, Advil, Tylenol, Motrin, cold medicine, allergy meds (over-the-counter products can be opened but cannot be expired), small lightweight toys (not battery operated) and crafts for children, new toothbrushes, blank CDs, and thumb drives. There is a donation box in the NWS hallway. Thank you in advance for contributions.

Help NWS Girls Soccer Support GOALS Haiti

The NWS Girls High School Soccer players have decided to run a soccer equipment drive to support GOALS Haiti: <http://goalshaiti.org>.

Founded and run by NWS Alum and former high school soccer player Kona Shen, GOALS Haiti is "a non-profit organization that uses soccer in Haiti to engage kids in community work that improves their quality of life, the environment, and local leadership. Programs include after-school activities, competitive soccer clubs, summer camps, workshops, and high school scholarships."

The NWS high school soccer players are asking for donations of used equipment including soccer cleats/shoes, shin guards, uniforms, soccer balls, etc. The players are setting up a box ready for donations starting Thursday, December 1. They will continue to take donations through the end of the quint on Thursday, December 15.

Ashland Trip Alert

Once again in 2012, Upper School students have a chance to attend a weekend of plays at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The trip runs the weekend after the school year ends, Friday, June 15, through Monday, June 18. Interested students are encouraged to keep these dates in mind as they start making summer plans. Questions can be directed to [Jeff Blair](#) or [Glen Sterr](#).

Parent Education Event

Parent Edge presents "Teaching Resilience—Strategies for Childhood Worries and Anxiety," on January 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Island Park Elementary (5437 Island Crest Way, Mercer Island) in the Multi-Purpose Room. Holidays, school, homework, activities got your kids stressed and feeling anxious? They are not alone! Come hear clinical child psychologist Chris McCurry, PhD talk about parenting your anxious Child with mindfulness. Dr. McCurry will explain the roots of the fears, give you a new way to view them and provide specific strategies for responding and helping your child. For parents of kids 5-12 years old. The cost is \$5.00 for non-Mercer Island PTA members, at the door. For more information, visit www.MIParentEdge.org.

9th Grade at Seattle Opera

On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, the entire 9th grade will take a trip to see Verdi's *Attila* at Seattle Opera! This fabulous historical piece is set in ancient Rome and fits perfectly with our humanities curriculum. Students should be at McCaw Hall by 6:45 p.m. at the latest, and the performance will be over by 9:30 p.m.. Please contact [Adina Berg](#) with questions. A letter will be going out soon to parents discussing further arrangements, transportation, etc.

Call for January Open House Volunteers

The Northwest School will host a Middle and Upper School Open House for prospective families this January 8. In order to ensure that this is a successful event for our school, we need the help of our parent volunteers.

Meet and Greet Volunteers will greet guests as they enter the school, walk them to their first stop on a self-guided tour, and help to answer any questions the guests may have.

We currently need six more Meet and Greet Volunteers for:

Sunday, January 8, 2012

11:00-2:00 p.m. (includes training) shift time

If you would like to volunteer, please contact [Lauren Nelson](#).

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Elise Hale-Case
Class of 2005
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The Northwest School
Attn.: Annual Fund
1415 Summit Ave.
Seattle, WA 98122

You may also give over the phone by calling [Lauren Nelson](#) at 206-816-6208.

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