

DePaolo families,  
Happy Friday! I hope you enjoyed your week.

Below are some updates to share from DePaolo.

### Tuesday:



Just a reminder that **Tuesday is a scheduled early release day** for students so that staff can participate in Professional Development. **Students will be dismissed at 12:45 PM.** This is noted on the district calendar.

### After School Sports:



If you are attending an upcoming basketball game, please go to the exterior doors near the gym to get into the games. The main office closes at 3:45 PM and no one will be able to let you in after that time.

Please also assist us by reminding your children that proper behavior and sportsmanship are expected the entire time should they attend a game. Also, students should not be loitering in the hallways after school and should remain in the area of the gymnasium before and during the contest.

### Laptops:



We have had an increase in students bringing in damaged laptops or missing chargers. IT has been trying to keep up with the demand in order to avoid passing on costs of repairs to families. Please take a moment to go over with your child that the laptop has to be cared for.

### **Canvas:**



If your child is absent from school for any reason, please remind them that they can check Canvas for any missed assignments due to their absence. All teachers keep their Canvas pages up to date. This may help alleviate feeling overwhelmed with makeup work upon their return.

### **Water Bottles and Beverages:**



Students may bring a beverage (plastic bottles or cans only) to school for consumption in the cafeteria. This beverage should be placed in the student's locker until lunchtime. Students should not carry beverages of any kind except water bottles in the halls. Glass bottles should not be brought to school.

### **Address Change:**



If your address has changed, please make sure to let the office know your correct address especially when you come to pick up your child.

### **ParentSquare:**



ParentSquare invitations were sent out to all unregistered users. If you received this invitation, please consider registering. Although unregistered users still receive emails or texts, unregistered users are not able to open attachments or engage with the posts.

Additionally, the district will be doing the district-wide demographic update for PowerSchool in the near future. This will be sent out via ParentSquare.

### **Algebra Midterm:**



All Algebra students will take their midterm exam next Friday morning.

### **Taste of Culture:**



On Thursday, February 8, from 5:30-7:00 PM, ABC/STEPS will be sponsoring A TASTE OF CULTURE to celebrate the different cultures in our DePaolo community. To make it a great night we need your help! We need families willing to share their cultures with DePaolo. Consider hosting a booth where you can share information, items and food from your culture. Or maybe you have a talent you would like to share. All are welcome to help and attend.

If you are interested in sponsoring a booth or sharing your talent, please complete the attached form and have your child return it to Ms. Steinnagel in the school counseling office. If you have any questions you can contact Ms. Steinnagel in the school counseling office at 860-628-3260 or [Ksteinnagel@southingtonschools.org](mailto:Ksteinnagel@southingtonschools.org).

### **Lunch Update:**



Beginning Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Domino's Pizza will be offered every Monday and Wednesday. There will still be another hot lunch option for those two days and the school pizza will still be served on Fridays.

### **Tools For Schools:**



Tools For Schools is back. Price Chopper is proud to support local schools through the Tools for Schools program! Each time you shop at Price Chopper, using your enrolled AdvantEdge Card, JAD will earn points! We can then use these points to buy supplies for our school!

To enroll your AdvantEdge Card, please use the following link <https://rewards.pricechopper.com/>

If you do not currently have a Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card, you can sign up for one at any Price Chopper or visit their website [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com)

**PTO News:**

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday night at 7:00 PM in our Media Center. All are welcome to attend!



The Hartford Wolf Pack are excited to welcome DePaolo Middle School to the XL Center! Come out and cheer on the Wolf Pack as they battle the Providence Bruins on Saturday, February 10, 2024. A portion of each ticket will benefit our PTO! Use the link below to register:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/DepaoloPTO>

Enjoy your weekend!

**“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold.”**

— Aristotle



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