



Superintendent's Newsletter

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Superintendent

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Winter Weather Information

Obviously, winter is not being patient this year! The decision to delay or cancel school is based on the safety of students and staff. The decision is complicated, as it involves numerous factors: input from town departments, recommendations from the bus companies, and the highly unpredictable New England weather. Every storm presents unique challenges, and all factors must be taken into account to make the safest decision. Information regarding the decision-making process, as well as delay and cancellation information can be found under [Weather Related Cancellations and Delays](#) on our GPS website.

'It's a Wonderful Life'

Grafton High School drama is putting on three performances of **It's A Wonderful Life** this weekend. The performances are on Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The students have put a lot of time and effort in preparing for these shows, and they will be great!



Holiday Breakfast with Santa



Please join the North Grafton Elementary School PTG for their annual holiday breakfast with Santa on December 8th from 8:00 - 11:00 at North Grafton Elementary School, 46 Waterville Street. Pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and beverages will be provided for \$5.00. Santa arrives at 8:45 for private conversations and photos. After breakfast enjoy the book fair, a bounce house and a photo room with Deirdre Rakus Photography! We will also be collecting donations for the Grafton Food Bank and Toys for Teens. Don't miss this annual holiday event.

Grafton Food Bank

The following items are in particular short supply at this time at the Grafton Food Bank.

- * canned meat - tuna, chicken
- * toiletries – especially deodorant
- * feminine hygiene products
- * bottled juices
- * paper products - especially toilet paper

If you are able to donate, please drop goods off at the Municipal Center on the shelves to the left of the Town Clerk's Office (first floor). If you wish to donate funds for the Food Bank to use, or for a list of items always in need, please visit www.graftonfoodbank.org.

School Committee Meeting

The School Committee meets next on Tuesday, November 27th. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and will take place in conference room F on the second floor of the Municipal Center. The agenda is expected to include an update regarding the strategic plan, discussion of staffing requests within the FY20 budget request, and a presentation on the updated capital plan. Here is a link to the [full agenda](#).

Upcoming Events

November 21-23	Thanksgiving Recess
November 26-30	Nature's Classroom for NSES

December 3- 7	Nature's Classroom for MSES
December 6	SGES Holiday Concert for K & 1, 9:30-11:00
December 7	SGES Holiday Sing-a-long for PreK, times TBD
December 8	Holiday Breakfast with Santa at NGES, 8:00-11:00 am
December 14	Parent Conferences for Grades K-6
December 19	NGES Holiday Concert, 9:30-10:00 am
December 21	Early Release Day
December 24-	December Break
January 1	

Grafton High School Athletics -

Click on the link to be redirected to our [website for sports schedules](#)

Links

The multitude of available browsers can sometimes lead to difficulties in opening links. Below is a list of the links in the newsletter. These can be inserted into any browser as needed.

Weather Related Cancellations and Delays

<https://www.graftonps.org/Domain/994>

School Committee Meeting Agenda (11-27-18):

<https://www.graftonps.org/Page/3736>

GPS Athletic Webpage:

<https://www.graftonps.org/Domain/599>

Sincerely,

-Jay