

# News from the Middle School

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## The Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I would like to formally congratulate all of our singers and musicians on their outstanding performances at our Winter Concerts last month. The students were impeccably dressed, sounded great and represented our community wonderfully. On behalf of the Middle School, I thank the music department, the parents, and the custodial staff for their hard work and efforts.

I would like to formally thank Tracey Freeman for heading our "Coats for Kids" drive in December and all who donated coats, scarves, and gloves. The drive was very successful and many children in the area will now have a new winter coat to keep them warm.

On January 5, there is a Board of Education meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM, and on January 13, there is a PTA Meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM. This is a great way to get more involved in your child's education!

Later in the month, on January 27, all Middle School students will take a Math Mid-Term Test. The ELA test, which is normally scheduled for January, has been re-scheduled for the end of April.

Lastly, as many of you know, my youngest son, John Paul, recently had open-heart surgery. My wife and I were overwhelmed with the thoughts, prayers, and kind gestures the community shared with us. We are deeply and profoundly grateful.

Happy New Year to you all!

Sincerely,

*Tim Farley*

Principal

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Great Winter Concerts
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- Math Mid-Term
- Thank You!
- Happy New Year!

## Coats for Kids:

The Ichabod Crane Middle School would like to thank Mrs. Gamello who owns a consignment shop on Main Street, Valatie called “Kids Again”. She sold us several jackets at a **much** discounted price so that we could donate to our “Coats for Kids” project.

Mrs. Gamello (who is Jimmy Hollister’s grandma) has owned this shop for over 15 years and has fine quality children’s clothes at great prices. Shop locally, think globally!

Thanks again Mrs.  
Gamello!



## Mrs. Kuhn—FACS:

The 6th and 7th grade FACS classes have just concluded a nutrition unit where they learned how to modify recipes to increase their nutritional density and lower cholesterol and sugar content. Students are learning managerial and leadership skills as they race the clock to prepare their healthy muffins in a limited time frame. It's not exactly an episode of Top Chef, but pretty close!



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# Happy New Year!

## Upcoming Events:

### January 2010

- |    |   |                                     |
|----|---|-------------------------------------|
| 4  | - | Welcome back to Students            |
| 5  | - | Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM |
| 13 | - | PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM                |
| 18 | - | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> – MLK Day          |
| 27 | - | Math Mid-Term                       |
| 28 | - | Math Mid-Term Snow Day              |
| 29 | - | 1st Semester (2nd qtr) Ends         |