## Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday December 7, 2016

### **Quick Reminders:**

- Please complete the attached SSO form to redirect your state tax dollars to provide Porter Academy student scholarships. Please send the completed form to Porter Academy by December 15th.
- Complimentary Christmas Pageant December 9th. Contact Ms. Hannah for tickets. See attached flyer.
- Raffle tickets from Holiday Bazaar are still on sale for \$5 each. Contact Ms. Hannah for tickets by Friday.
- "Holiday Wear" Spirit Day will be Tuesday, December 13: Students can come dressed in their favorite holiday attire, including hats, necklaces, shirts, socks, etc.

### Message from Ms. Lynn

I enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Red and Green performance at Cobb Energy Center. The music, singing, and dancing were impressive, and I loved their message of encouraging creativity, individuality, and passion. Unfortunately, no pictures were allowed in the show itself, so we'll share some happy lobby and bus pictures to commemorate the occasion. All of the students and teachers enjoyed the experience.













#### **Important Dates**

**Dec 9**: Complimentary Christmas Pageant

**Dec 15:** 1:00 Dismissal; SSO forms due to Porter Academy

**Dec 16-Jan 3:** No School—Winter Break

Jan 3: Teacher Work Day

Jan 4: 1st day of second semester

Jan 16: No School—MLK
Jr. Holiday

**Feb 17-20**: No School—Mid-Winter Break

Mar 3: End of 3rd 9 week period

Mar 10: Inclement Weather Day

The Character
Education trait for
December is
Kindness—
"I will choose to
help people feel
good"

Porter Academy is dedicated to educating children by utilizing individualized programs that are appropriate to each student's development level and learning style. Your child can succeed in the right evironment.

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### **Upper School Orange Field Trip**

Upper School Orange went caroling at Brookdale Champlin Senior Living Center. They were scheduled to sing for one group, but they were such a hit that they received a standing ovation and were asked to sing for two additional areas of the center. After singing, they handed out reindeer candy canes that they made on Grandparents and Special Friends day. This feels like the beginning of a wonderful relationship between Brookdale Champlin and Porter Academy, from which both our students and the seniors will benefit.



### Parent Pipeline—Bazaar Raffle

Remember to purchase raffle tickets for \$5 each for a chance to win Holiday Bazaar items worth at least \$25. There is pottery, jewelry, sangria, and candy wreaths available to win. Contact Ms. Hannah to purchase raffle tickets.

### Parent Pipeline—Complimentary Concert for Porter Families

The family of one of our students performs in this Christmas Pageant each year, and they have generously offered free admission to all Porter Academy staff and students/families this year! The pageant will take place December 9th at Mt. Pisgah Church, and this will be a "kid friendly" performance. They are not worried if children need to get up to move around or go to the bathroom and quiet rooms will be available if children become overstimulated or restless in the performance. Please contact Ms. Hannah for tickets (hcha@porteracademy.org).