

# the **CONCORD** *compass*

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spirit Week  
December 19 - 22

CAB Board Meeting  
December 19

Elementary Movie  
Field Trip  
December 20

All School Sharing  
December 21

Elem. Ornament Making  
December 22

Winter Break  
Dec. 23 - Jan. 2

School Resumes  
January 3, 2012



## BOOK FAIR A SUCCESS!

Hooray  
for  
Books!

The 2011 Winter Book Fair was a huge success! Thanks to your support, our total sales came to \$2,635.19, so with our bonuses, our school earned \$1360.85 in Scholastic Dollars which will be used to purchase new books for our library!!



Congratulations to the 3rd Graders for purchasing the most items and earning the cake pop party! Don't worry if you aren't in 3rd grade, there will be another competition during the February 2012 Book Fair!

Thank you for your support!





# Spirit Week

## December 19-22

Monday -	PJ and Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday -	Twin Day
Wednesday -	Wacky Wednesday
Thursday -	Green, Red, White Dress Up Day

## GET CONNECTED



Concord has an online grading system that is updated by teachers regularly. You can access this site and see how your student is doing on a daily basis. No need to wait for progress reports any longer; grades are at your fingertips.

**Website:** 24.213.11.182 (off campus)

If you are on campus you can use this site: 192.168.11.182

Students access this weekly in Mrs. Verwys' class by using the following info;

**Username:** firstname/lastname all lowercase (ie: lindsayverwys)

**Password:** birthday in this format mmddyyyy (ie:01011999)

Once the student has logged in they are prompted to change their passwords.



All students in 8th, 9th and 11th have been doing this in class with Mrs. Verwys and should be able to access them at home.

Parents can gain password information from the office.

## *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year...*



It's that time of year again. Time for kids (and some parents) to start waking up early so they can watch the news and listen to the radio in the hopes that they will hear their school's name among those on the list of School Closings. In the event that we do not have school, we will notify the following TV and Radio Stations:

<b>Radio:</b>	<b>1270 AM</b>	<b>106 FM</b>	<b>92.1 FM</b>
	<b>1340 AM</b>	<b>96.3 FM</b>	<b>90.5 FM</b>
<b>TV:</b>	<b>9 &amp; 10 News</b>		
	<b>7 &amp; 4 News</b>		

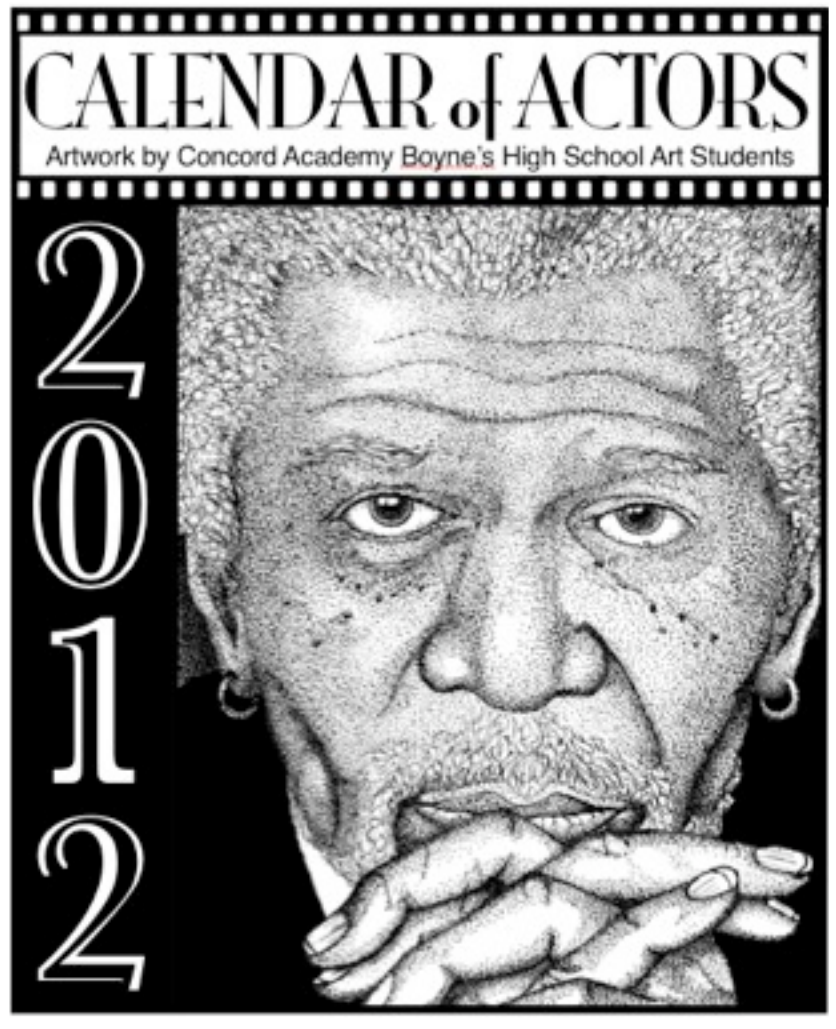
Please leave plenty of time to get to school during the winter months, as slippery roads and inclement weather can make the drive to school take a little longer. Use extra caution in our parking lot when picking up and dropping off students and when using the steps leading to the elementary doors. While we do what we can to keep things free from ice and snow, surfaces can still be slippery.

# 2012 Calendar of Actors Now Available!

The high school Art students have created another great calendar. This year, the students chose "Actors" as the theme for the calendar. Each high school Art student spent hours drawing an actor of their choice using pen and ink drawing techniques learned in class. When all of the drawings were completed, they were displayed in the hall to be voted on by students, staff, and parents. The top 12 vote-getters are included in the calendar, with the top vote-getter earning the cover of the calendar (Brandon McGeorge's portrait of Morgan Freeman.)

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Calendar's are currently available to order in a variety of colors and sizes. See Mr. Rosteck or a high school Art student to place your order. These calendars make great Christmas gifts, and the money earned through this fundraiser supports the K-12 Art Department. To have an order form emailed to you, or to place an order via email, contact Mr. Rosteck at [mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org](mailto:mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org).





## WANTED:

Christmas fabric and mason jar lids and rings of ANY size for Christmas Ornament projects.

# Get Involved!

Would you like to become more involved in your child's educational experience? Why not join the Parent Teacher Partnership [PTP]? The next meeting will be held on Monday, 12/19 at 3:30 in the CAB library. We hope to see you there!

## AN EASY WAY TO HELP!

Did you know that there is another easy way that you can help our school? In addition to sending in your Box Tops, you can also send in your Campbell's soup labels. Our school will receive money for each label that we turn in! All you need to do is look for the Labels for Education logo, clip it, and send it to your child's teacher. It's that simple! Campbell's is also sponsoring a sweepstakes where they are giving away computers, Smartboards, and more. Please visit their website, [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) to enter the contest. You can enter everyday. The contest ends 12/31/11. The money that we raise from the Campbell's soup labels will be added to the monies that are raised from the Helping Hands fundraiser, which will be used to purchase new computer equipment in the library. Thank you for your support.



## Helping Hands Update!

**Helping Hands Update:** We received \$295 during the Band/Choir Winter Concert, bringing our total to \$450 collected just this week! Thank you to everyone that donated, we truly appreciate your support! We will also be collecting money during the Dance Revue in January. **ALL** money raised will go towards the purchase of computer equipment for our computer lab. If you need additional pledge sheets, they will be located in the office. Thank you for helping us improve/update our computer lab ☺.

# You Gotta Have Art...



## YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

Select K-12 CAB student artwork, along with artwork from Boyne Falls and Boyne City students, will be on display at the Boyne Arts Collective's youth art exhibit entitled "ART - It's Elementary." There will be a reception with refreshments on Saturday, December 3 from 10 am - 6 pm. The show will be up through December 31 and may be viewed during gallery hours, which are Friday 1-5, Saturday 10-6, and Sunday 12-4. The Boyne Arts Collective is located at 210 S. Lake St. in Boyne City. Stop in and check out some great artwork by our talented young artists.

## ART CLUB - SCHEDULE CHANGE



Students in grades 3-12 once again have the opportunity to express their creativity in Art Club, which will now be meeting on **Wednesdays from 3:20-5:00 p.m.** This open art studio time can be used to catch up on Art projects we are working on in class or to just put that extra time and effort into your artwork! It's also a chance to develop your own art activities, explore different art media, and just have fun making art! No need to commit to attending every week - just sign up on the sheet posted outside the art room on weeks when you want to come or need to in order to get caught up in Art. You don't need to be a current Art student to attend. Make sure you have a reliable ride you can depend on to be at school to pick you up by 5 pm. Contact Mr. Rosteck with questions: [mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org](mailto:mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org). See you in Art Club!



## Attention Young Filmmakers!

Are you a movie lover? An aspiring actor or director? An animator? Maybe you are interested in using your new iPad to try your hand at movie making. Well, the Northern Michigan Youth Film Festival is a new film festival that will be held on February 24, 2012 at Concord Academy Petoskey, and anyone ages 8-25 may enter their own film by January 10, 2012. The festival will be juried, and the winner will receive entry into the Chicago Film Festival. If you are interested or have questions, contact Mr. Rosteck. [mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org](mailto:mrosteck@concordacademyboyne.org)

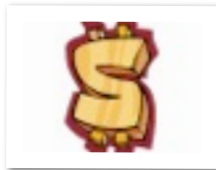




## **PENNY WAR! EXTENDED!!!**

Just a reminder, the Service Learning Club is holding a penny war to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The battle ends Thursday, December 22. Elementary students take their pennies to their classrooms. Middle School and High School students take their pennies to their class advisors. Remember that silver coins counteract pennies and that you can bomb other classrooms! Have fun and join the fight against cancer.

P.S. There is a collection jar in the office for the adults!



## **Free Math Help!**

**Schedule Change**

### **Concord Academy Math Lab (Grades 7-12)**

Now on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** in Miss Blamer's Room from 3:30-4:15.

Work on your homework, bring your questions, improve your skills, and become a math Ace!



## **After School Dance Instruction**

Attention 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents!!!! Our dance instructor, Mr. Thomson, is offering dance classes to students in grades 3-6.

Classes are held on Thursdays after school from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, unless otherwise noted, for \$10 per session. Money is due at the time of the session.....NO CHARGES!!!! Also, please be sure that you pick your child up promptly at 4:30 pm! If they are not picked up they will be sent down to the after school Kids Club and you will be charged \$5 for after school care. A sign-up sheet is located in the office for anyone interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity.



## *Nurses Notes...*

Happy Holidays!

Finding joy in the holidays with the added stress is sometimes difficult. Easing up on yourself over the holidays is important because the connection between stress and illness is real, both for diseases, depression and anxiety. Here are a few suggestions to help decrease stress:

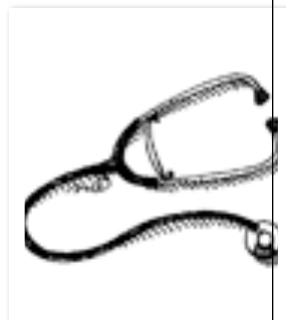
**Eat Healthy**—Of course you can indulge in favorite holiday foods but watch your portion size. And limit the sweets as the intake of refined sugar has a significant link to depression.

**Exercise**—Keep up your regular physical activity and add a long walk with your family and friends. You will all enjoy it and feel invigorated. Nature restores us, too!

**Time Together**--It doesn't cost money to spend time together! Cook a favorite recipe, read a story out loud, play board games or cards, sing an old favorite song together or learn a new one. You can do a craft or project, even if it is cleaning out a closet.

**Be Thankful**—Economic times are rough, but keep trying to see the glass 'half full'. Express thanks for each other. Go around the table and each say one nice thing about each other. That hug 'goodnight' might mean more to someone than you thought.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas, Chris Warstler RN





## Great Holiday Gift Idea

These are VERY nice, expensive, and large Petoskey stone wine, olive oil, dish soap (if you put it in a glass bottle) bottle toppers. They'll add a bit of charm and local flair to your countertop!!! They were donated by Mr. Petersen and the cost is \$40/per stopper. We only have 4, so first come first serve. We are using the money to purchase a Kindle for the third grade room! Funds raised will allow us to purchase one right away! THANKS! and THANKS to Mr. Petersen!

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## Box Tops for Education

This year, CAB is once again collecting Box Top coupons to raise money for our school. Did you know that some local schools raise thousands of dollars for their schools each year, just from clipping and submitting Box Tops?



Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth **10¢ each** when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. All you need to do is cut them off of the box they are on and attach them to the handy collection sheet (available in the office or on our school website) with glue or double stick tape.

We will be collecting Box Tops all year long, but our next submission deadline is **December 16**. Each completed sheet of 25 Box Tops coupons will give your child one entry into the drawing for prizes. The first drawing was held on October 31 for free pizzas, movie passes and many other prizes. Other drawings will be held December 21, February 17, and April 20. Turn your completed sheet into your child's teacher. Be sure to fill in your child's name and their grade for the drawings. Additional sheets are available in the office, or you may visit the school's website to print one.

**Thank you for choosing to support CAB by collecting Box Tops!**