SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Spartans

December 9nd, 2016

* **Toys for Tots:** A special thanks for all of the donations given to our district for Toys for Tots. Sparta collected over 700 toys; no small feat for a community our size. Our Student Council leaders were featured on WZZM 13 this morning. Here is a link to that [CLIP!](http://www.wzzm13.com/news/local/outreach/toys-for-tots/school-spirit-challenge-sparta-high-school-1/367079573)
* **High School Music Department Holiday Concert:** Please join us on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm for a free holiday concert. Our jazz band, concert band, and choir will all perform in our auditorium. Come and share in the holiday cheer!
* **Angel Tree Shopping:** A special thanks to all the volunteers and donors that helped with our Angel Tree initiative, allowing Sparta High School to provide for over 200 students from Sparta. A special thanks to Meijer for your continued partnership.
* **ASVAB**: During Mr. Fix’s Civics course, juniors at Sparta High School took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). The ASVAB is a “timed, multi-aptitude test” given at over 14,000 schools. At Sparta High School juniors take the ASVAB to help them in completing Mr. Fix’s Career Project. The ASVAB was designed for students serious about joining our Armed Forces, but also provides very helpful information about a student’s career and college aptitudes. An ASVAB assessment administrator will visit Sparta High School on January 4th to analyze student’s results and provide them with specific careers that are in line with his/her results. In addition, the ASVAB provides information for potential job and scholarship opportunities. For more information about the ASVAB please visit [THIS WEBSITE](http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab).
* **MiPHY Survey**: During the week of December 5th, our freshmen and juniors completed the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) in their English courses. The research survey, which is supported by the Michigan Departments of Education and Community Health, asks about behaviors and attitudes related to nutrition, physical activity, injuries, tobacco, alcohol and other drug use. It will also ask about sexual behaviors that cause AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy. A letter seeking parental permission for students to complete the survey was sent home. Families had the choice to “opt out” of completing the survey. Sparta High School will use the data in our School Improvement process.
* **Winter School (Repeat)**: Winter school will be held on Wednesday, December 28th and Thursday, December 29th from 8 – 11 am in the media center. Any students that owe time, need the work, or are prescribed to attend by a teacher should take advantage of this opportunity.
* **Christmas Break Dates (Repeat):** The ***last of day*** of school is Wednesday, ***December 21st.*** ***School resumes Tuesday, January 3rd***. Students are off Thursday, December 22nd - Monday, January 2nd.
* **The 12 Days of Christmas (Update)**: Student Council has organized our annual celebration of the holidays. The different activities and dress up days help to build our culture. Please encourage your student to be involved:
  + Monday, December 12: Snow Flake making at Lunch
  + Tuesday, December 13: Pajama Day
  + Wednesday, December 14: Ornament Making at Lunch
  + Thursday, December 15: Red/Green Day
  + Friday, December 16: Holiday Movie at Lunch
  + Monday, December 19: Hot Cocoa and Candy Can at Lunch
  + Tuesday, December 20: Ugly Sweater Day
  + Wednesday, December 21: Santa Hat Day