



DECEMBER Newsletter



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WHAT'S YOUR HOLIDAY TRADITION?



Our holiday tradition is opening a new pair of pjs and wearing them to watch a new movie for family night on Christmas Eve!



Our Holiday Tradition is We go to Georgetown every year and ride the lighted Forrest train! It's so fun!



Our Holiday Tradition is We have many but I love this picture! We go to Thornton Winterfest to see Santa and shop the market



Our holiday tradition is we get in our pjs and make biscochitos and gingerbread houses



Our Holiday Tradition is Holiday lights with our besties. This year we did Luminova at Elitches

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Holiday Craft Market 9-12pm
3	4 No School Staff Work Day	5	6 Coffee with the principal 8-9am	7 Gingerbread House Building 2:45- Library Kindergarten open house	8 Sweet Treat Friday	9
10	11-15 The Holiday Student Store			14 Winter Concert 5:30pm	15	16
17	18	19	20 Spirit Night Godfathers 4-9pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	No School- Happy Winter Break!!!					

This Month

- 12/2- Holiday Craft Market-9-12pm
- 12/4- No School- Staff work day
- 12/6- Coffee with the Principal- 8-9am in the library
- 12/7- Kindergarten Open house- 4-5pm
- 12/7- Gingerbread House Building in lieu of PTO Meeting- 2:45-3:45pm
- 12/8- Sweet Treat Friday
- 12/11-12/15- The Holiday Student Store
- 12/13- Kindergarten Open House 1:30-2:30pm
- 12/14- Winter Concert for choir/improv 5:30pm @ Mountain Range HS
- 12/22-1/8- No School- Happy Winter Break- return on 1/9/24



November Recap 4th Grade Show



Colorado Voices

Colorado voices is a dance theater project celebrating diverse stories from our history.



THE HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET

'TIS SEASON

SANTA

GIFT-GIVING



COMMUNITY SUPPORTING COMMUNITY



Thank you to our amazing community for always supporting us and helping grow this event!! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us in any capacity!!



TEACHER FEATURE



PLEASE ENJOY OUR TEACHER FEATURE AND GET TO KNOW ONE OF OUR AWESOME STUDIO SCHOOL TEACHERS!

Dave Weinand – Instrumental Music Director Digital Literacy Teacher



A few of Mr. Weindand's favorite things:

My wife and 5-year-old son, music, lutherie (instrument making/repairs), legos, & Disney.

Color: Teal

Sports Team: I don't sports (poor grammar intended)

Snacks: Chips and salsa, trail mix.

Homemade Goodies: Rice Krispie treats.

Place to Eat: Rodizio Grill, Los Dos Portillos, Texas Roadhouse

Place to treat yourself: The Lego Store, Harbor Freight, Amazon.

Or a nap. That's the best one!

What inspired you to become a teacher? I had a band director in 5th/6th grade names Mr. Monteleone. I came to the first class with my clarinet ready to go, after roughly a year of teaching myself after my dad helped me get started, with a hand written transcription of a song from the movie "Braveheart." He immediately took notice of my abilities and eagerness to learn, and he gave me extra lessons/instruments to learn. He took a lot of his planning time and after school time to mentor me. My teaching and performing careers were set on the right path by him and a few other influential teachers.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? In my spare time, I love to be with my wife and son. Playing with my 5 year old. I love to build instruments, and do repairs/maintenance on them for myself and others. Woodworking and home improvements are also an enjoyable thing to do in my spare time. I also like to sneak away to Disneyland with my wife any time I get the chance!

What advice would you give someone who is considering becoming a teacher? Take time and make sure you are wanting this career path for the right reasons. Be ready to nurture, advocate, and give your all for the students. Be willing to take the time to listen to their needs and support them. Don't forget the balance between work and home life.


Can you share a memorable experience you had with a student that reaffirmed your love for teaching? I had a student in recent years who really worked hard to learn the guitar. One day, they brought in a piece from their private teacher, and played it for me. I could see the focus and the great effort put into learning the piece, and I felt very proud of them. I played the piece, to show different phrasing and expression, and it reignited my love of the classical guitar. To this day, I still pick it up and practice various classical pieces for fun.



Holiday Giving Tree

With the approaching holiday season and the difficult times that some families in our community are currently facing, the Studio School PTO is excited to announce the return of the HOLIDAY GIVING TREE PROGRAM. We are looking forward to working as a school to support our 24 Studio School Families in need during this time.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING TO THE 2023 GIVING TREE FUND, PLEASE JOIN OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS BY CHOOSING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE OPTIONS.

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1. Choose a SIGN UP GENIUS SLOT to provide a gift card or bill assistance to a family in our community. Gift Cards and monetary donations need to be brought to the main office by December 18, 2023. Please label these donations with the family you are supporting. The Sign Up Genius can be found at...

<https://tinyurl.com/28k8zbyt>



2. Bring CASH/CHECK for any amount (made out to The Studio School PTO) to the front office no later than December 18, 2023.

3. DONATE ELECTRONICALLY through the Studio School PTO Website:

<https://tsspto.weebly.com/the-giving-tree.html>

or with Venmo (@Studio-PTO) by Monday, December 18, 2023.



ALL funds raised will be tracked and disbursed directly back to Studio families that are in need during this holiday season.

Thank you for joining us in supporting our Studio School community.



The Holiday Student Store

UPDATES FROM VOLUNTEER CHAIRS BRIANNA & LAUREN

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DECEMBER 11TH-15TH

**THE HOLIDAY
STUDENT
STORE STILL
NEEDS YOUR
HELP! SIGN UP
TO
VOLUNTEER
HERE**



We are proud to be offering a Holiday Gift Shop program for the students, from December 11-15th! Students will be able to select their own special holiday gifts for their family and friends.

Students went home this week with money envelopes to keep track of their money and gift list. Their teachers will remind them to bring this to school on the day their class gets to go shopping next week! We will also be open after school on Friday until 4 PM.

Since the shop is set up at school, and supervised by the parents, the atmosphere is fun and familiar. It gives the young shopper the opportunity of buying the gifts on their own, not to mention the learning experience of comparing and budgeting money.

To make this a success for the children, we will need volunteers to be "Holiday Helpers," to assist the students in choosing the gifts to purchase based on the amount of money they have to spend. We appreciate your help in this fun experience for the kids!

Location: Room 19, (Ms. Nigros Classroom)

Fundraising

UPDATES



Sweet Treat Friday

Sweet Treat Friday this month is
December 8th
Holiday Pastries!

Location: Back of school after school
All sweets are \$1,
**All proceeds will go directly to the
Holiday Giving Tree!**



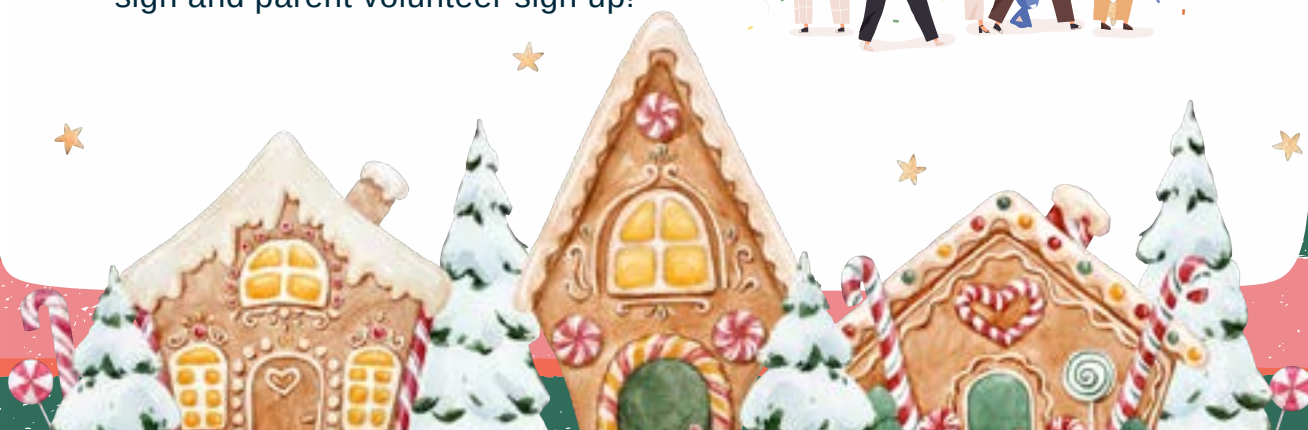
Spirit Night

Join us at Godfathers
from 4-9pm for our monthly spirit night.

Coming up:

Gallop Prize winner VIP Party @ Sky Zone
January 26th!

Please keep an eye out for an email if your
student won this prize level for waivers to
sign and parent volunteer sign up!



Hall of Stars



PBIS Award
positive behavior, intervention support.
This month's focus was on being kind. A part of
the reward is lunch with the principal.



Coffee with the Principal



COMMUNITY



CONVERSATION



COLLABORATION

What is Coffee with the Principal?

Coffee with Principal Sharla is an informal social where we can ask the hard, thought provoking and engaging questions. It's a great way to meet other families and a way to get involved in the conversation.



SHARLA KACZAR

Highlights

Focus/Topic: Theater

Presenting: Mr. Stuart-Theater

“So I'll just tell you a little bit about my background I moved to Colorado right out of College in 1990. I got my major in theatre and film in 1991. I took my first professional acting job and I've been acting ever since. I've probably done about 50 professional productions under my belt in addition to that, I've worked for 13 years at the Denver Center for the performing arts in their summer programs. The big purpose there was, 10 kids, 10 days, and 10 minute musical. So at the end of the camp kids would perform their shows that they have created themselves. So that's a big part of what I do. I want to do that with the students here, kind of smaller projects. Give them more opportunity to go through that whole process of creating an idea, see what it takes to put it up on its feet and then perform it or produce it in some way. So they can have that experience because not a lot of students get that opportunity until they're in middle and high school specifically theater wise.” “My goal with the program is that its arts integration is where you take one type of art like visual arts or performing arts and you mix it with the content and then the art lifts up the content. Being an arts integrated school and having a very great performing arts program and we use that to support theatrical experiences for students but really the shift over the years that teachers really wanted was to really capitalizing off the time that we have in performing arts to lift up the content in the classrooms and that's why we're trying to get different opportunities for the content to be you know utilized with the arts to bring that to the surface just like we did with the 4th grade show.”



STAY IN TOUCH



Stay up to date and in the know!!

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Important Links

Use our link tree to access all our important links. Scan the QR code or click below.

<https://campsite.bio/studiopto>



TSS Family Facebook

Join our Families Facebook Group to stay in the know of all things going on.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/344362906135067/>

TSS PTO Website

Stay up to date with dates and events by saving our PTO website to your browser.

<https://tsspto.weebly.com/>



How to Contact us

Have an Idea? Want to join a committee? or just need to contact us?

email us @
studiogriffinspto@gmail.com
or fill out the form from the link below

<https://tsspto.weebly.com/contact.html>

Open Positions:

We need your help, volunteers are the heart of all our events. Please consider signing up for one of the open positions or committees below!!
Email us @ studiogriffins@gmail.com to sign up

- Kingsoopers rewards coordinator
- SSASE co-coordinator
- Volunteer committee
- Soiree Committee

