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Bethune Carver Scholars Monthly Newsletter

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY



Special dates of interest:

- Student Workshop (9th) **Dec. 14th**
- Mid-year Awards & Evaluation Day, **Dec. 16th**
- First Selective Enrollment Exam **Dec. 13th**
- High School & Selective Enrollment Applications due **Dec. 19th**
- Last class of program is **Dec. 18th** for Fall Semester.
- Program resumes **Jan 6th**.

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Upcoming Events

Bethune Carver Scholars High School (9th grade) will have their next student workshop on **Sunday, December 14th** from 4pm to 7pm.

Bethune Carver Scholars Middle School (7th & 8th grades) program will be having a mid-year Awards program on **Tuesday, December 16, 2008** from 5:30pm to 7pm. Parents please plan to attend and support your students as they receive recognition for their success in program. We will also be having our mid-year program evaluations for parents and students. Your feedback is important to us and helps improve our services to your child.



Winter Break

Bethune Carver Scholars program will have our last session **Thursday, December 18th**. We will be on winter break with no sessions or study clinic until **Tuesday, January 6th**.

Parent Meeting

TBC will be hosting a Summer Opportunities meeting for all Bethune Carver scholars and parents on **Thursday, January 8th** at 6pm.

Did you complete your High School forms?

Eighth graders will be bringing home a High School Information form. Please complete the form and have your child return it by **Tuesday, December 9th**. Remember to keep copies of your child's applications before sending them.

Grades & Forms

Parents, please have your child bring in a copy of their report cards for the most recent marking period. If necessary, TBC staff can make a copy of the original and return it to your child. This will greatly help us in collecting the information needed to track the academic success of your child. Please remember students that do not turn in grades and needed forms will be suspended from program until necessary information is received.



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The purpose of a newsletter is to provide specialized information to our Bethune Carver Students and Parents. We hope it will be valuable to you, and you will share your opinions on the newsletter.

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Holiday Greetings



The Beloved Community would like to extended warmest prayers and wishes to your family this holiday season.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Student Achievements!

Please help us celebrate the recent achievements of the following Bethune Carver Scholars:

- Niaria Marshall: "Miss Winter" for Westcott School Winter Reading Parade.
- Carline Uwajeh: Outstanding Achievement in De LaSalle Writing Competition
- Alicia Fleming: 1st Place in Westcott School Science Fair. She will compete in regional Science Fair in 2009!

*Submit your special awards to TBC Staff to be included in future newsletters!

Community Service Opportunities

We have a number of community service opportunities available for students over the holiday season and during Winter Break. These are great ways to satisfy hours needed for graduation or school requirements. Please contact Ms. April to sign up as soon as possible. Space is limited for all service projects.

Greater Food Depository – Students will help sort food and pack boxes for distribution to food pantries citywide. Volunteering provides food credits for our local social services.

Dates are:

Saturday, December 13th

Saturday, January 17th

Saturday February 21st

Turkey Give-Away—Students will help pass out turkeys to community members.

Date: Saturday, December 20th

Christmas Dinner for the Homeless – Students will help organize, distribute gifts, and/or serve food to families who attend our annual Christmas dinner.

Date: Thursday, December 25th