

# *The Raider Times*

## Emmons School District 33



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*Emmons is students, staff, parents, and community working together to prepare our students for a successful future through excellent experiences and growth opportunities.*

***Emmons School Helps US Soldiers...*** The 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Emmons School have “adopted” Emmons graduate Michael Sims and his 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne unit, currently serving our nation at Fob Wilderness Base in Afghanistan. Michael is the son of Ms. Pam Sims, an Emmons staff member. Our students will collect and donate needed supplies to Michael’s base, and also have the opportunity to exchange letters with him. Items we are collecting include Zip-Loc Bags, sunflower seeds, toothpaste, playing cards, Chapstick, magazines, socks, underwear, and powdered laundry detergent. The community is invited to participate in this event – if you are interested in making a donation, please drop it off in the school, or contact Dan Wiegel at (847) 395-1105 x236 for more details.

***Student Procedures for Staying after School...*** Basketball is a big draw for student spectators. While we want our students to stay after school for the games so they can show their school spirit, safety and supervision issues have raised some concerns. We are requesting some parental support in helping us maintain a safe, structured, and orderly school environment after school. The practice after school has traditionally been that to dismiss all students; students desiring to do so would come back for the games. We still handle student spectator issues in this way, however our second tier of after school bus routes is creating some logistical problems: realistically, students really can’t leave and come back. Upon dismissal, students should go where regularly assigned between 3:25-4:00pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> route students must stay with the supervisor for all 2<sup>nd</sup> route riders. No students are to be in the Commons unattended. Game supervision starts at 4:00PM. For students who ride 2<sup>nd</sup> routes, however, at the time their bus arrives those who wish to come to a game must present a parent note giving permission to the supervisor. They should come into the game rather than getting on their bus. Without a parent permission note on each day, the student needs to go home on their bus. Another misunderstanding is that students have free admission to games. The fee for student admission is \$1.00, and must be paid at the door. During the game spectators must stay in the gym, except of course, for the brief

concession or bathroom visits. Students who are not doing so will be instructed to call home to leave.

***PTO Scrip...*** Emmons PTO is offering “scrip” – substitute money – as a fundraiser to support Emmons School. It’s simple: participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our PTO at a discount; people like you buy them at full face value, redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue. Everybody wins! **THERE IS NO SELLING INVOLVED!!** Your hard-earned dollars earn money for Emmons while you buy things for your family that you were going to purchase anyway! Interested? Please contact Ms. Dawn Latakas at (847) 395-7544 for a list of participating retailers (a wide variety from Sears to Starbucks to Borders to Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants) or for more information. Deadline to participate is November 21<sup>st</sup>.

***Kids Coalition News...*** Students can purchase tickets for the Mystery Chauffeur Raffle through November 18<sup>th</sup>. The winners get to sleep late on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and then be driven to school at 9:00am by a special “mystery chauffeur”. All proceeds from this raffle will benefit the Open Arms Mission. We will set up a Christmas tree in the Commons on November 24<sup>th</sup>; students will have the opportunity to pick an ornament from the tree that contains a wish from a needy family in the area. Students wishing to participate should bring their gifts to the school office before December 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Weekly Calendar...***

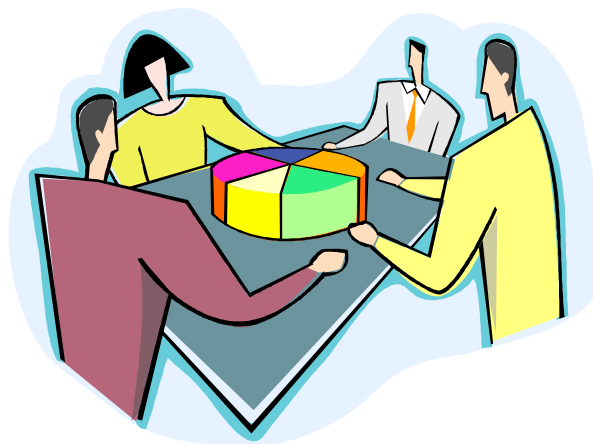
<b>Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bball – vs. Johnsburg 4:15pm 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bball – vs. Grass Lake 4:15/5:15pm
<b>Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Assembly – Period 3 Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bball – vs. Johnsburg 4:15pm Future Quest – 3:00-7:30pm 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Evening Concert – 7:00pm
<b>Weds., November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bball – at AUGS 4:00pm 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bball – at Big Hollow 4:15/5:15pm
<b>Thurs., November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Report Cards Distributed</b> Study Hall – 3:30-4:00pm Library Emmons Invitational Basketball Tournament 4:00-10:00pm
<b>Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11:30am Student Dismissal</b> Staff vs. Students VB Game – 10:30am Emmons Invitational Basketball Tournament 4:00-10:00pm <i>Twilight</i> Field Trip – 12:00am Round Lake Cinemas
<b>Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Emmons Invitational Basketball Tournament 8:30am-9:00pm

***Emmons Basketball Tournament...***Mr. Shepherd is looking for volunteers young and old to help us out with our annual Emmons Invitational Basketball Tournament, which runs Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need help setting up the gyms, taking tickets, and working concessions. Here is a list of the schools participating in the tournament on November 21-23: Palumbi, Johnsbury, St. Patrick's, Big Hollow, Park School, Millburn West, St. Mary's, Fox River Grove, St. Gilbert's, Prince of Peace, and North Prairie If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to support the Emmons School sports program while watching some really good basketball (we have twenty teams participating this year), please contact George Shepherd at (847) 395-1105 x251.

***Butter Braids...***If you purchased any of our PTO's delicious Butter Braids pastries (they hooked Dr. Machak in for three of 'em), please remember to pick them up at school on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

***Parent Feedback Appreciated...***We are hoping that *The Raider Times* improves the frequency and timeliness of information that parents receive from school. If you have any suggestions, questions, concerns, or ideas related to this weekly flyer, please contact Dr. Machak with them at (847) 395-1105 x213 or electronically at [rmachak@emmons-school.com](mailto:rmachak@emmons-school.com).

***And Finally...***A special "thank you" to Emmons social worker Mrs. Sarah Posey for her determined efforts to make our first (and monthly) Mix It Up Day on Thursday an overwhelming success. Thanks also to our wonderful teachers, who all ate their lunches with students yesterday, and to all the students who tried to meet someone new through this activity. Thank you all for your support!



**Just a Reminder...Parent-Teacher Conferences begin November 24<sup>th</sup>!**