

“Few things are more satisfying than seeing your own children have teenagers of their own.”

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While the official beginning of winter is still weeks away (12/21), yesterday’s snow makes winter seem very real. Now our question is how do we get our kids to put away the flip flops and put on a winter coat? Please know that I don’t have any magic answers. Perhaps they really don’t get cold or, more likely; it’s the latest in a long line of typical adolescent behavior. Either way, I think I speak for many parents when I say that patience is a virtue!

I want to remind everyone that today and tomorrow (12/8 & 12/9), 7th and 8th grade students from all teams will walk to the Acton Food Pantry to continue our tradition of donating food for local families in need. Our current plan is for the students and staff to walk to the food pantry and ride buses back to school. Accordingly, students will not be allowed to participate if they are not wearing winter coats. It goes without saying that should the weather prove to be too cold or hazardous, transportation will be provided both ways.

Continuing in the spirit of helping others, the 8 Gold team is sponsoring a toy drive for area families until Wednesday, December 17. Toys must be new, unused, and unwrapped, and may be dropped off in the collection box in the front lobby anytime this week.

The first of our three scheduled parent/guardian and teacher conference sessions (12/4, 12/11, and 1/8) was very successful. Teachers were able to share important information, and parents and guardians were provided with an opportunity to learn a little more about their child’s academic progress. This coming Thursday, December 11, school will again be dismissed at 10:40AM for the second parent/guardian and teacher conference session.

Finally, this Tuesday night, from 6PM - 7PM is my monthly drop in hour. I have had a number of great conversations with parents during this time and encourage anyone with a question, comment, or feedback to come on by.

Have a good week.

Craig