

### **DECEMBER 19, 2023**

#### WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

- **Updates** (Thank You Breakfast, Thursday-Out of Uniform, Uniform Update, Health Reminder)
- Sign-ups January Lunch Orders, Lunch Volunteers, Winter Needs Drive
- Profile of the Week Mr. Ed Cassidy, Athletic Director



#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM FIT ACADEMY

As we approach the holidays and winter break, we hope everyone in the FIT community has a wonderful and safe holiday season. We wish you all a very special season with your families and look forward to your return in 2024!



### THANK YOU BREAKFAST - TOMORROW

Wednesday morning, the Parent Organization is coordinating a "Thank You Breakfast" for our teachers and staff. So much of what they do goes unrecognized. We want to show how much we appreciate their diligence, kindness and love in the classroom.

#### Click here to sign up & bring a breakfast item!

Breakfast items can be dropped off during the drop-off time on Wednesday morning. We will have a parent on either side of the building with a rolling cart to accept the food. Thank you!

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Dec 20 - FIT Board Meeting, 5pm

Dec 22 - Jan 2 - Holiday Break (NO SCHOOL)

Jan 3 - Back to School!

Jan 15 - Martin Luther King Day (NO SCHOOL)

Jan 16 - Open House for Prospective Families, 6 pm

Jan 17 - Board Meeting, 5 pm

Jan 30 - Parent Org Meeting, 6 pm

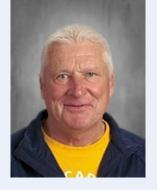
SUBMIT JANUARY LUNCH ORDERS - Due Tomorrow @ 3 pm (12/20)

K-8 JANUARY LUNCH MENU

9-12 JANUARY LUNCH MENU

## HAPPY RETIREMENT, MR. CASSIDY

Mr. Ed Cassidy, who has faithfully served as our Physical Education Instructor and Athletic Director since FIT Academy opened its doors,



will be retiring as a full-time teacher at FIT this December; but we are excited that he will continue as FIT's Athletic Director. Mr. Cassidy looks forward to having more time to focus on promoting FIT Academy sports programs, build community relationships and provide information through media resources. He also looks forward to spearheading fundraising events as well as working with our cooperative sports partner Nova Classical Academy. With his extra time, He is looking forward to doing more traveling, spending more time at his cabin up North and working with the Simley girls basketball team.

"When I was a student, teachers and coaches invested in me; and that had a big impact on my life." It's always been his goal to invest the

same way in his own students. He loves showing athletes that they can work hard and achieve--if not exceed--their goals! But he is also passionate about developing the character of all of his students and athletes.

Mr. Allaire says, "Ed was a co-founder and board member at FIT Academy prior to the school opening. Since then, we have served as colleagues and have become great friends. His daily presence will be missed, but we look forward to seeing him as our Athletic Director for the remainder of the year."

We want to take this opportunity to say "goodbye" and "thank you" to Mr. Cassidy as well as welcome our new physical education teacher, Mr. Olson, who will begin in January 2024.



Thursday (12/21) is an Out of Uniform day! Students may wear any colors they choose to celebrate the Holidays.

As always, no shorts, pajamas, torn jeans, or anything else that would not meet the non-uniform requirements of our dress code. Students must still wear proper running shoes.



**UNIFORMS FOR SALE** - We have crew sweatshirts (\$35) and longsleeved homecoming shirts (\$30) available for sale at the front office. Just stop by and talk to the person at the front desk.

BLUE UNIFORM UPDATE - Schoolbelles contacted us, and everyone who ordered the Bahama Blue shirts should be receiving them soon. This color will continue to be in stock at Schoolbelles, and they assured us there will not be delays in the future.





# LOST & FOUND -PURGED OVER WINTER BREAK

Please have your children check the Lost & Found before leaving for Winter Break. We will be purging all the items left in the Lord & Found over the break. There are lots of coats and gloves!

Take a moment to write your child's name on the tags of their uniforms and coats so that we can return them when found.



# **GIFT-WRAPPING EVENT**

The gift-wrapping fundraiser was a huge success this past weekend! We want to say a big thank you to Nikki Kabat and Jillian Davis for heading up this event. You both are amazing! Thank you, to everyone who participated!

#### **HEALTH REMINDER**

We want to remind parents that it's very important to keep your children home from school when they are ill. As a reminder, school policy requires students to stay at home if they have had a fever or vomitted in the last 24 hours.

Please help us do our best to avoid passing illnesses and viruses around our student body this school year!







# LUNCH VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

We are asking for volunteers to assist in the lunch room each day. Duties include helping students open milk and lunch items as well as cleaning the tables after each lunch period. Click below to sign up!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER



# THANK YOU & KEEP DONATING!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up & donated! Please take a look at the list to see what items are still needed.

You are welcome to donate new or used clothing; but we need specific items in specific sizes so please click the button to see how you can help!

DONATE to Winter
Needs Drive



#### **AFTER-SCHOOL CARE**

We offer after-school care again this year from 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm. Open to students in grades K-5. You must enroll by Wednesday, if you plan to use after school care the following week. If you have questions, please email Jen Iten at jiten@fitacademymn.org.

**REGISTRATION FORM** 



Would you considered leaving our school a review? Your perspective could be helpful in leading other families to our school. Just click above!



We want to invite everyone to join our 2 Facebook groups! FIT Academy FIT Academy Families

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