



January 1, 2018

Dear Cromwell Community,

Welcome to a New Year! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season! Our staff and students are heading into the second half of the school year with a lot of excitement. I would like to remind you that it is Winter Sports time and senior citizens may attend these events free with a Cromwell Senior Citizen pass! Passes are available at the Cromwell Board of Education office and at Town Hall.

2018 -2019 Budget Update

Our faculty and the leadership team are working to develop the 2018 -2019 Board of Education budget proposal. As always, we continue to focus on providing Cromwell's students with the highest quality educational experience while maintaining our fiscal responsibility. Major highlights of our budget, going forward, is the need to continue our focus on providing curriculum to support the changes that are outlined in our Strategic Framework. I will continue to update you throughout the budget process and encourage you to attend our Board of Education meetings where the budget will be developed and you can become involved. These Board of Education meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. in the Cromwell High School Media Center. All Board of Education meetings are posted on the district and school websites at www.cromwell.k12.ct.us. Our next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2018.

Holiday Party

The Student Council hosted a holiday party for Cromwell families who are in need. The students watched a magic show, ate pizza and desserts, played, and had a visit from Santa. The evening provided an important opportunity for us to unite as a community and celebrate the upcoming holiday season. I'd like to recognize the following establishments that donated pizza's to help support the event: **Zerio's, Freddy's, Mario's and Wooster Street Pizza.**

PJ Day

On Friday, December 8th, our students and staff participated in the annual event, PJ Day for the Kids. This was an opportunity for students and staff to show support for patients at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. I'd like to thank Representative Christie Carpino for her help in

spearheading this initiative in our state and bringing this event to our district. We are proud to announce the Cromwell Public Schools raised \$2,600 for the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at CCMC.

Pre-School Expo

Edna C. Stevens School and the Cromwell Public Library will be hosting a Family PreSchool Resource Expo on Tuesday, January 30, from 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. The event will be held at Edna C. Stevens School. The evening is a wonderful opportunity to meet with representatives from the local area preschools as well as local community organizations who provide a wide variety of health, wellness, parent, recreation and educational resources. Children who range in age to infant to four years old will receive a free book. For additional information please contact: CECC@cromwell.k12.ct.us.

Please feel free to contact me, or any of the school administrators, if you have any questions or comments about the topics presented in this month's letter. Please also visit our district website at www.cromwell.k12.ct.us for updated information.

Sincerely,

John T. Maloney, Jr.

Superintendent of Schools