

**Logan Junior High**  
**December/January**  
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**Principal**

Due to the month of December being such a short “school” month, I thought that I would go ahead and combine my December/January Newsletters into one, and provide you with some dates and events that will be important throughout both of those upcoming months. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday break!!!

Upcoming Events...

11/23/09= 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Holiday concert @PHS-7:00  
11/23/09= Board Meeting...5:00  
11/24/09= 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Holiday concert @PHS-7:00  
11/25/09= Midterm  
11/25/09= 2:00 dismissal  
11/26-11/27/09= No School  
12/04/09= EXPLORE test-8<sup>th</sup> graders only  
12/09/09= PRIDE meeting-4:00  
12/14/09= Board Meeting-5:30  
12/18/09= 2:00 dismissal  
01/04/10= School resumes  
01/08/10= End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
01/13/10= PRIDE meeting-4:00  
01/15/10= Teachers’ Institute...No student attendance  
01/18/10= No School  
01/19/10= Principal’s Advisory Meeting-6:00  
01/22/10= Group pictures  
01/25/10= Board Meeting-7:00  
01/29/10= 8<sup>th</sup> grade gown orders, magazine sale kickoff, orientation at PHS

8<sup>th</sup> Graders To Take EXPLORE Test

On Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the EXPLORE test at Logan Junior High. This is a standardized test that is new to Logan Junior High, but has been used by other 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade students both statewide and nationwide for a number of years. LJHS has chosen to participate in the administration of the EXPLORE test this year for the purpose

of...1) Gathering important test data that will be used for overall curriculum evaluation and School Improvement Planning purposes, and...2) Providing individual student data that can be used for class placement purposes at the high school level.

Unlike the ISAT test, which most families are familiar with, the EXPLORE test can be administered in approximately 3 hours of time. Therefore, it will only take the morning of 12/04/09 to administer. However, like the ISAT test that will be given in the spring, any student absent the day the test is administered will have to make the test up at a later time. In order to avoid students falling behind in their normal, daily classes, and to ensure that students can perform at their best on the day of the test, I would recommend the following things...

1. Please try to schedule any appointments for your child on a day other than 12/04/09 so that he/she can be present for the test and not have to be pulled from regular classes at a later time for make-ups...
2. Have your child get a good night’s rest prior to the administration of the test...
3. A good breakfast the morning of the test can assist overall test performance...
4. Promote the importance of your child’s overall performance to him/her for the purpose of Logan’s school improvement planning and the use of the data to assist in class placement at the high school level...

If you should have any questions regarding the EXPLORE test, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 815-875-6415.

***I hope to see everyone at the Holiday Concerts on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>!  
Have a great holiday season!!!***