



**Parade:**

Thank you so much to all of the families that were able to help out with the parade.

Thank you to:

The Stachecki's for the use of their garage, float building and pulling the float.

Mrs. Mary, Ms. Vicki, The McNally's, The Griffin's, and The Gallagher are for float building.

The collaboration of talents helped to form our float.

Thank you to the families that were in the parade with us as well. The kids have such a great time. When they are all packed into the float I think that they stayed fairly warm.

December 9 from 8:00-11:00. Picture Day.

**Picture Day is this Wednesday.** We would like to have each child photographed even if you do not plan to purchase photos. We need the photo for the composite and the directory. If your child does not attend on Wednesdays please bring them in to be photographed. If your child has siblings that do not attend Northstar, you are welcome to bring them in to be photographed as well. They do adorable family photos.

**Directory:** We have a mock up of the directory so please check with me to verify the information that you would like to have or not have in the directory. We would like to have them complete by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

December 18-Pajama Day-Last day of school before winter break.

December 18 Kids Fun night from 5:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m.(sign up before December 16<sup>th</sup>)

December 21-25 Northstar Closed—No Childcare, No School—Winter Break

December 28-30 Winter Break continues, Child Care Available

Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Northstar Closed—No Childcare, No School—New Year's Break

January 18 No School-Childcare Available- M. L. King Day

January 21 PTO meeting

February 6 Family Event T.B.D

February 12 & 15 No School-Childcare Available-Great Americans

February 26 No School—Childcare Available— No Saline Schools

March 16 Saline Schools-Half Day —No afternoon kindergarten

March 17 No School-Care Available-No Saline Schools School

April 2 Northstar Closed—No Childcare, No School

### Teachers Holiday Wish List:

Parents have inquired about "Holiday Wish List" for their children's teachers. First, the teachers wish to say "Thank You", We truly appreciate you're your generosity. You are there to support our endeavors in so many ways. Whether raking leaves, donation to our auction, a kind and cheery "Good Morning"- your support is unwavering. Please accept our gratitude for the opportunity to be a trusted influence in your child's life.

This year we are asking that no personal gifts be given to us, but instead, in the Holiday spirit, a gift be given to others: such as change in the Salvation Army kettle, a pie for an elderly couple, a surprise snow shoveling for a neighbor or a charitable donation.

There is a box available in the office for Saline Social Services donations. We will be collecting canned and dry food goods as well as wrapped gifts for children in need. (Please label the gift with "girl", "boy", "adult female" or "adult male" and the appropriate age.)

We will also collect old cell phones to donate to Safe House for abused women. The collection bag is hanging in Ms. Vicki's room.

Please share your art of kindness with us by writing it on a slip of paper and placing it on our "Giving Tree" in the offices. This is a great way to teach our children that the gift of giving can be simple and meaningful.

We wish you the best this Holiday season and look forward to working with your children in 2010!!

Here are a few ideas of charities that we enjoy giving to:

Ms. Tami

Saline Social Services- [www.salinesocialservice.com](http://www.salinesocialservice.com)

Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti- [www.thehopeclinic.org](http://www.thehopeclinic.org)

Personal: gift cards for any local store or home improvement store

Mrs. Mary and Ms. Manjula:

First books- [www.firstbook.org](http://www.firstbook.org)

American Cancer Society- [www.americancancersociety.com](http://www.americancancersociety.com)

Personal:

gardening for Mrs. Mary

Sewing & Embroidery for Ms. Manjula

Ms. Vicki and Ms. Gloria:

Kiva-Business loans in third world countries [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)

Humane Society of Huron Valley- [www.hshv.org](http://www.hshv.org)

Heifer International- [www.Heifer.org](http://www.Heifer.org)

Personal: Coffee, gardening for Ms. Vicki

Painting, gardening for Ms. Gloria

Ms. Shawn and Ms. Cris:

Safe House of Ann Arbor - [www.safehousecenter.org](http://www.safehousecenter.org)

House by the side of the road- 971-2550

St. Judes- [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

The Christopher Reeves Foundation- [www.christopherreeve.org/](http://www.christopherreeve.org/)

Personal: Ms. Shawn- photography, travel, coffee, reading

Ms. Cris- any local store

Ms. Jill and Ms. Sandy

Collecting care package items for the solders-list in offices

Personal:

Coffee for Ms. Jill

Any local store for Ms. Sandy