

First and most important:

1st Semester Perfect Attendance Qualification is the end of the day Friday, January 29.

- \$250 for perfect attendance (not including up to 2 personal days) for basic AM PM assignment
- \$100 for perfect attendance (not including personal time) for Kindergarten assignment
- \$50 for perfect attendance (not including personal time) for basic HS-BT second runs or Elementary late runs.

Reminders

Mid Term Social

Friday, March 5, 6- 7 PM , Dolomite Lodge behind the Penfield Town Hall.

Regents week schedule:

January 26-29. All Drivers and attendants are eligible to volunteer for exam runs.

Bowling League:

January 28

Winter Break

Feb 15–19

PSTA Executive Committee

Tuesday, Feb 2

2010



Master calendar of all transportation department activities is located by clicking the calendar at our home page: www.penfieldbus.com.

Holiday Wrap

Thanks to Joanie, Deb and Mike Gerlach for coordinating a very successful **Holiday Cheer Project** for a very needy family

Holidays cards were sent to alumni and all administrators that work with us. The web site has a sample of this year's greeting. Feel free to contact Polly McNally or Sandy Spaulding if you would like to add a name to our mailing list.

A **gratuity** from all of us was given to the office staff prior to the holiday break.

Social

Mid-Term Social: Mark your calendars - Friday, March 5 to start around 5:30 PM. This year's mid-term social will be held at the Dolomite Lodge located behind the Penfield Town Hall and easily accessed off Jackson Road. Current plans include a Pasta dinner, card tournaments, team player recognition and other games.

Hey: Rolling Thunder is in first

place— Congrats Tom, Deb, Bruce and Barb. Remember: **bowling league dates move to the last Thursdays** for the rest of the schedule—Jan 28

Kudos to Ray Mannix and all for the terrific **November pizza party**. Pics are located by clicking on the link for pictures at www.penfieldbus.com

Great job Joanie and Sandy for a very nice **Secret Santa Breakfast**.

Collective Bargaining

Parking Lot is a major health & safety concern. Charlie walked the lot on December 29 with Assistant Superintendent Mark Sansouci. The district has set a goal of 8:00 AM for snow removal - School Building lots obviously must have first priority. Hack and Sue remind everyone to take a cup of salt with them to place around their bus during icy periods.

A set of **dress and appearance guidelines** are being hammered

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out by Gina, Hack and Nancy. The emphasis will be on common sense safety and casual professional appearance.

Tier 5 for the New York State Retirement System has quietly gone into effect for the New Year. Our understanding is that the new tier will only impact state employees, including those working for school districts.

Health Insurance—the Rochester Area School Health Plan 2, which covers most of us, has decided to stay with Blue Cross/Blue Shield- Excellus as its administrator. We post the new rates premium rates for 2010 on the bulletin.

At this point it is anyone's guess what the impact will be should Congress and the President enact a National Health Insurance Law. The media is stating that there will be a multi year exception for a 40% surcharge on health insurance premiums such as we have commonly called the Cadillac tax. The short is that there will be a transition time for the creation of the necessary bureaucracy.

State Budget and its effect on School Districts—again we are in a wait and see mode. No question, the state is spending more then it is taking in by a substantial amount. To date, the only response from Albany is to delay its payments to school districts and all its obligors.

That mysterious **tentative member meeting** (Jan 12) was listed only if there was a need for necessary business.

Extra Trips

Nancy Newman has chosen to retain her seat on the Executive Committee. Nancy expects to stay active in PSTA efforts including the Extra Trip Committee. The Next committee meeting is scheduled for February.

Treasurer

The **retirement fund** has paid out to all except 5 members. Questions - ask Rick Hart

A donation of \$75 was submitted to the American Lung Association in the name of Dick Cooney in lieu of his retirement fund participation.

Up to date **budget and balance reports** at located: <http://www.penfieldbus.com/pdf/Association/Excom/Treasurer/budget.pdf>

Caring

Sandy Capone sends his best through Karen. We were glad to see Betty Pribanich at the training meeting on January 13.

Service & Education

The **2010 Rochester Area School Bus Safety Road-eo** is scheduled for Saturday, June 5. Sandy Spaulding has challenged Donna Butterbaugh with Spencerport to a team challenge. Sources believe that the challenge will include Gina and Mike Proikou (respective directors of transportation) Stay tuned.

Operation Safe Stop is scheduled for April. Current plans include pinpointing the locations with the highest repeated incidents of motorists driving through a school buses activated red warning lights.

The National Association for Pupil Transportation **Safety Poster contest** theme for 2010 is "Cross in view—it's the right thing to do."

Membership

Yes we are a bit behind with **new members**. We have Kathy Schneider and Bill Cochran that starting the school year with us. Added are Bill Cochran, Gary Rozell and Wesley Daniels.

John Costantini has graciously volunteered to continue his good work with **new member orientations**.

To renew **B.J.'s membership** simply pay renewal dues your next visit. To become a member, see Rick Hart.

Nominations & Recognition

There will be two positions on the executive committee up for election this May.