

# Pioneer School Press

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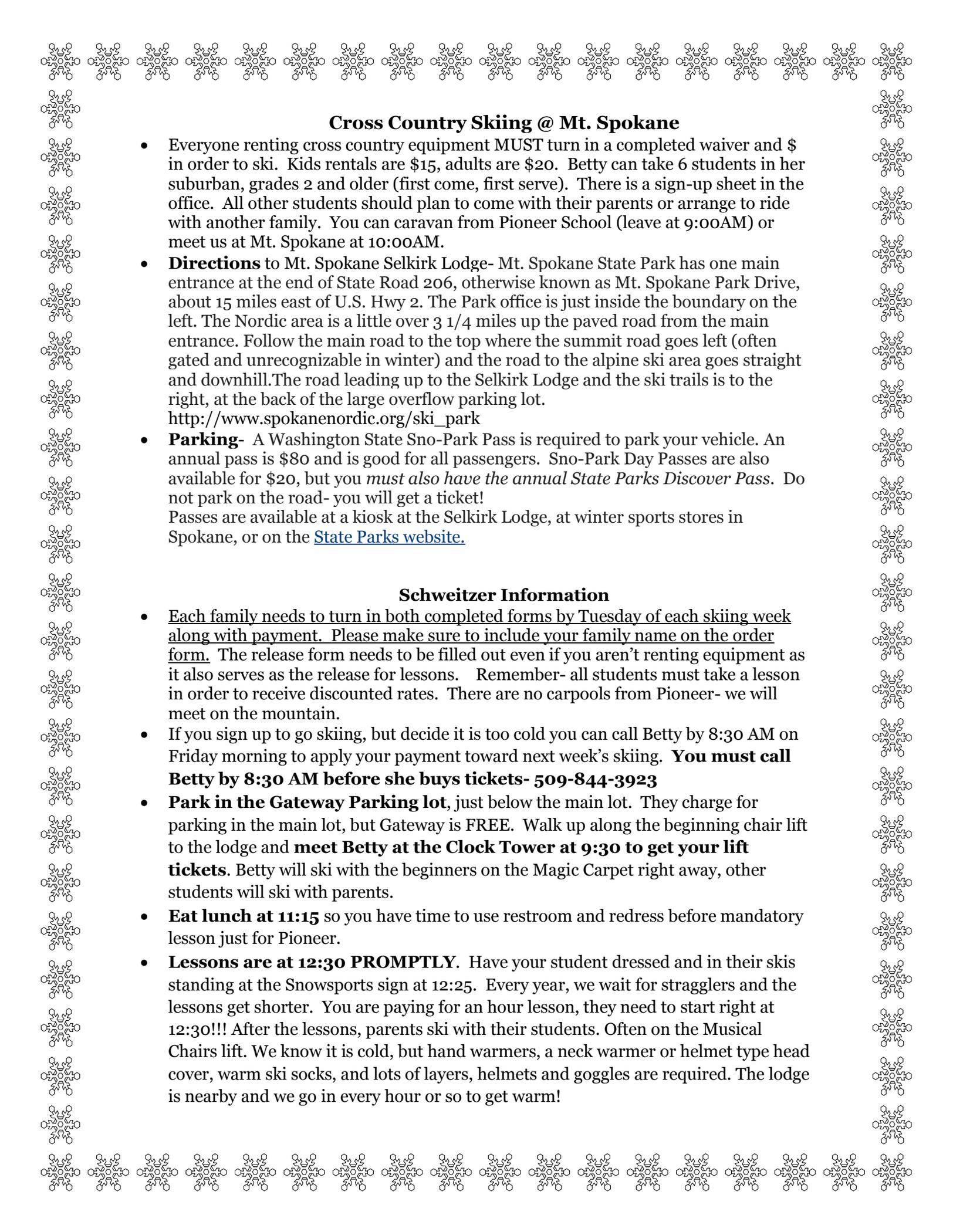
- Please make sure you sign up for carpool and/or tell us your plans related to the weekly field trips by the Tuesday morning prior to the trip. With Betty teaching the Pathfinders it is even more important to have this information ahead of time so that we can establish carpools.
- The last page of this newsletter contained detailed information about **cross country and downhill skiing**. Please read it carefully.
- Please send in your empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls for an upcoming human body project. Also, we don't want you drink soda, but we need the 2 liter pop bottles for lungs!

## In the Spotlight

- “Going West” dress rehearsal is be **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30AM** at Progress Elementary. **Please drop your student(s) off at Progress Elementary** (we will be in gym through double doors). 710 N. Progress Rd. (corner of Broadway and Progress). If you are able to stay and help drive students back to Pioneer that'd be great.
- **Calling all parents in the health/medical field-** as we start our Human Body topic later this month we are looking for parents who'd like to share their expertise. Let us know if you'd like to enlighten our curious learners. Have an idea for a cool human body field trip (maybe at your hospital/clinic)? Let us know that too.
- Anyone interested in **small group personal training sessions during chess** at the fitness studio located in the Sullivan Building? The studio is offering us a discounted rate. We need at least 4 but no more than 6 people to make the class a go. Month to month commitment, no registration fees.
- All piano students will have piano workshop on Tuesday next week.

## Upcoming Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1/16- Ice Skating, 1-3</li><li>• 1/19- <b>No school</b>- MLK Holiday</li><li>• 1/20- Math is Cool, 3-4PM</li><li>•</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1/21- Taco Bell lunch; Chess Club, 3:15-4:15PM</li><li>• 1/23- Cross Country Skiing- no school at Pioneer</li></ul> |
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## Cross Country Skiing @ Mt. Spokane

- Everyone renting cross country equipment MUST turn in a completed waiver and \$ in order to ski. Kids rentals are \$15, adults are \$20. Betty can take 6 students in her suburban, grades 2 and older (first come, first serve). There is a sign-up sheet in the office. All other students should plan to come with their parents or arrange to ride with another family. You can caravan from Pioneer School (leave at 9:00AM) or meet us at Mt. Spokane at 10:00AM.
- **Directions** to Mt. Spokane Selkirk Lodge- Mt. Spokane State Park has one main entrance at the end of State Road 206, otherwise known as Mt. Spokane Park Drive, about 15 miles east of U.S. Hwy 2. The Park office is just inside the boundary on the left. The Nordic area is a little over 3 1/4 miles up the paved road from the main entrance. Follow the main road to the top where the summit road goes left (often gated and unrecognizable in winter) and the road to the alpine ski area goes straight and downhill. The road leading up to the Selkirk Lodge and the ski trails is to the right, at the back of the large overflow parking lot.  
[http://www.spokanenordic.org/ski\\_park](http://www.spokanenordic.org/ski_park)
- **Parking-** A Washington State Sno-Park Pass is required to park your vehicle. An annual pass is \$80 and is good for all passengers. Sno-Park Day Passes are also available for \$20, but you *must also have the annual State Parks Discover Pass*. Do not park on the road- you will get a ticket!  
Passes are available at a kiosk at the Selkirk Lodge, at winter sports stores in Spokane, or on the [State Parks website](#).

## Schweitzer Information

- Each family needs to turn in both completed forms by Tuesday of each skiing week along with payment. Please make sure to include your family name on the order form. The release form needs to be filled out even if you aren't renting equipment as it also serves as the release for lessons. Remember- all students must take a lesson in order to receive discounted rates. There are no carpools from Pioneer- we will meet on the mountain.
- If you sign up to go skiing, but decide it is too cold you can call Betty by 8:30 AM on Friday morning to apply your payment toward next week's skiing. **You must call Betty by 8:30 AM before she buys tickets- 509-844-3923**
- **Park in the Gateway Parking lot**, just below the main lot. They charge for parking in the main lot, but Gateway is FREE. Walk up along the beginning chair lift to the lodge and **meet Betty at the Clock Tower at 9:30 to get your lift tickets**. Betty will ski with the beginners on the Magic Carpet right away, other students will ski with parents.
- **Eat lunch at 11:15** so you have time to use restroom and redress before mandatory lesson just for Pioneer.
- **Lessons are at 12:30 PROMPTLY.** Have your student dressed and in their skis standing at the Snowsports sign at 12:25. Every year, we wait for stragglers and the lessons get shorter. You are paying for an hour lesson, they need to start right at 12:30!!! After the lessons, parents ski with their students. Often on the Musical Chairs lift. We know it is cold, but hand warmers, a neck warmer or helmet type head cover, warm ski socks, and lots of layers, helmets and goggles are required. The lodge is nearby and we go in every hour or so to get warm!