

February 27th, 2017

CALENDAR REMINDERS



- Please be sure to check Powerschool this week and sign the progress report form that came home last week.
- Please make sure your child is in uniform- if they are cold, they should be wearing a uniform sweatshirt.
- Please make sure your child(ren) have earbuds or headphones to stay at school for their iPads.
- Students should make sure they have pencils and pens!
- Bundle! It is still cold.....

- 3-2 7th & 8th go to St. Mary's to see "The Sound of Music"
- 3-3 9 students attend the Life Saver Retreat (8th grade)
- 3-4 School Auction at Embassy Suites
- 3-16 6th to vocations rally @ St. Anthony's
- 3-17 Last day of Winter trimester
- 3-23 6th & 7th go to OMSI

Find your homework assignments:

- Mrs. Ballou- Edmodo
- Mrs. Velazquez- Edmodo
- Ms. O'Dell- Edmodo
- Mrs. Drenner- Powerschool/Edmodo
- Maestro H- Powerschool/Edmodo
- Mrs. Farrow- Edmodo

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Middle School Game Night will be held at Mrs. Ballou's house on May 6th from 5-8P.M. It is an auction item for \$40/kid to attend. Lots of games, prizes and food, so come hang out with your teachers! First buyers must be at the auction to purchase. First 25 kids only! 6th grade will be taking over safety patrol duty for the Spring term beginning Monday, March 13. I will post the schedule in the next few days on Edmodo.

Find assignments on Powerschool or Edmodo for Mrs. Drenner's classes.....

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

English: We will working on adjectives and adverbs (clauses as well) and incorporating them into the beginning of our

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

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If your child has not brought in their field trip permission slip for "Sound of Music", please do so ASAP!

Course Updates:

Language Arts- mini quiz Tuesday after the read the book. An EC assignment has been given out for those who are willing to complete it. Unit 6 spelling this week.

English- We will begin Unit 5 on Capitalization and Punctuation.

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

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Course Updates

Language Arts:

8A, B: Both classes have a calendar as to when to complete their novel study of TWTTIN by S.E. Hinton. They will read non-fiction articles on teens and phones for a Socratic Seminar next week. In English class, we continue to work on the rules for capitalization and punctuation (Unit 5)-- Test this coming Thursday. They will all be editing and

sentences. **Reading:** We will begin creating a "One-Pager" on a specific character from *They Will*. They will begin to read articles online from Newsela and take mini comprehension quizzes (Tuesday-Friday). Chapter 3 spelling this week.

Social Studies - Get ready it's quiz time! Thursday a quiz over chapter 5 Judaism and the 5 Graphical Themes. Study guides are out.

Science - We begin this week learning about members of the plant kingdom (da-da-da-dah!). How do scientists classify plants? What is photosynthesis, and what makes a plant a plant instead of a protist or fungi or animal?

Math - Students will be working on understanding how to add and subtract Integers and how to represent this concept visually.

Religion/Health - We turn our attention to the beginning of Lent this week with Ash Wednesday being observed this Wednesday, March 1st. What are the reasons behind Lent practices? In health, we will be learning about the chemicals in cigarette smoke and how they are dangerous.

Español: We will have a quiz on conjugating regular AR verbs in the present tense on Friday. In advance we will do some practice and we will do some application.

Social Studies - Students are continuing to present.

Science - This week will find us learning more about Charles Darwin and his theories relating to evolution. What do scientists regard as evidence to back up Darwin's theories? How does this theory compare to the beliefs of the theory of creation? Much discussion and debate this week....

Math Velazquez - This week, we will be understanding where key circle relationships come from and will apply the formulas to solve real-life problems.

Math Drenner - This week will have us beginning a unit of finding percents of numbers, estimating percents of numbers and finding unknown amounts. When is an estimate just as useful as a calculation? How can we use estimation to tell if our calculations are correct or close?

Religion - The Students' final draft of their Living Out Christ's Mission Project (this is instead of a unit test) essay is due this Thursday. We will be working on peer editing this Tuesday. We will continue with community building on Wednesdays and will wrap up our study of Jesus as a healer.

Health - Students will begin to present their health projects.

Español: Tuesday there will be a quiz on conjugating regular AR verbs in the present tense. We are also doing practice and application.

focusing on word choice (6 Traits of Writing) for their SS letter to Donald Trump. Business letter formatting will be incorporated for these 2 subjects! Letters will soon be mailed out to Mr. Trump.

Social Studies - Students are continuing to create their Recipes for a Revolution; they need to work on the second part (steps). Students have started presenting their projects.

Science - Thank you to all of the people who volunteered to drive this week on our field trip to Reed College. We continue our exploration of materials this week, heavily focusing on alloys and their uses in our daily lives. What is steel made of? What makes stainless steel stainless steel? Which alloys rust and why?

Math 8 Accelerated: Students will be investigating and applying multiplication of binomials and discovering patterns for special products.

Math 8: We will be applying our understanding of solving systems of equations to solve real-life problems and will prepare for a unit test next week.

Religion: We will continue to learn about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. Students will begin a project on Religious Communities that will be due before the end of the trimester. On Friday, 8th grade will attend a retreat by NET (National Evangelization

Teams) titled "One Church."

Health- Their 2-pager (CD cover with song titles) is due Tuesday. This might be their final Health assignment so make sure they get them in by Tuesday! We will be looking at unhealthy relationships and peer pressure that can result from these relationships(drugs,alcohol,tobacco).

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