STEVENSON NEWSLETTER
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Vision: Stevenson Middle School is a place of meaningful relationships and mutual respect where every student experiences growth and takes responsibility for their learning; no students fall through the cracks.

Value: Stevenson Middle School values the following: accepting late work, intervention and enrichment opportunities, multiple opportunities for mastery, the importance of relationships, and individualized instruction.

Motto: Make it a great day...or not. The choice is yours

WELCOME

Good Evening Stevenson Saints and Families,

I have to share a heartwarming and touching moment I had this week. It was my birthday this week, and i had to stay home that day to take care of my own son who was home sick with the flu. When I returned the next morning, there were posters from dozens of classrooms and cards covering every wall, chair, and surface in my office and outside of it as well. The students and staff had secretly made all the preparations, cards, and posters. When I walked in my office, after being home with my son, I can honestly say, I was speechless....I think for the first time in my life. I was truly overwhelmed with emotion and joy. The students continued to send birthday wishes my way all week. I actually think they may have had more fun celebrating than I did. I know the media, society, and politicians are quick to share the negative about schools and the day to day experiences and highlight the few who tarnish the hard work of many, but this week, and our students, are examples of the truth, the reality, and the hope. We truly have such wonderful, thoughtful, curious, passionate, and loving children and students, and I couldn't be prouder to shout that to the world!!!! Thank you Stevenson!!!

I would like to invite any families, especially those I have not met yet, to stop in this Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 6pm to "Meet the Principals". Mrs. Szalai, our Assistant Principal, and myself will be sharing some highlights about Stevenson including our Leader in Me program, new pilot programs happening at SMS this year, and general information about student expectations and learning. This may be more beneficial for our 7th grade families and new families, since our 8th grade families are already familiar with the items we will be sharing, but I always love seeing our 8th grade families and keeping that relationship strong. Please do not worry if you can't make it. We are always happy and available to talk with you at a time that is more convenient for you. I will be having future parent nights geared towards specific areas of interest: 8th grade scheduling and preparation for high school, Accelerated programs for 7th and 8th graders, Leader in Me parent involvement and training, and more. Look for those to appear in future eblasts. Please note, this meeting is for the general sharing of information and to meet our families, therefore, no individual student matters will be addressed at the meeting to honor and protect student privacy. Please call us, during the normal school hours, to discuss individual student matters. Thank you for your understanding!

We are starting a new program this week called, "I got caught being a leader"! If a student is seen by an adult, in the building, demonstrating positive behaviors and characteristics of a leader beyond our normal expectations, The teacher will report it on a form and submit it

to the office. Myself or Mrs. Szalai will write a special note on the form as well as the teacher. We will not only present the note to the student, but his/her name will be announced as a leader in the announcements, they will receive a small token of appreciation, and I will be listing those names in my final email each month. Lastly, we will also be calling home to celebrate and share the news with you!!!! We are very excited to recognize our awesome students!!!!

We have lots of exciting and fun incentives and activities in the works to continue appreciating the great leadership our students are learning and demonstrating throughout the year. Stay tuned for more details!

Our National Junior Honor Society students are trying to collect items for the hurricane victims with non-perishable food, diapers, toiletries, paper goods (toilet paper, etc), and clothing. Please help our students help others by sending in donations to the main office or 1st hour advisory teachers for pick up by the NJHS students. Thank you for helping!!!!

All 8th graders interested in going on the Philly/Gettysburg trip must have their first payment into Corporate Travel by October 27. Informational packets including online and paper registration are available in the office and in Mrs. Sullivan's room, 306. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Sullivan sullivans@wwcsd.net

If you have a free/reduced lunch form or a parent volunteer form, please send that in with your student as soon as possible. He/she may turn either into the office at any time.

You may be pleasantly surprised to learn, we still collect boxtops for education at the Middle School!!!! So please don't give them to your neighbor, thinking we have no use for them!!! They help to buy books for the library and many more resources for our students!!!! Students can turn them into their 1st hour advisory teachers.

We are so excited to report our daily video morning announcements, created by and delivered by our students, are appearing this week on our website. They will appear daily for the remainder of the year, so you may also keep abreast on daily happenings and new activities starting. I have attached the link to our school website, so you may look back on weekly eblasts (under newsletter), reference our Google calendar, see photos, and other school references, resources, and information. http://www.wwcsd.net/schools/middle-schools/stevenson-middle-school/

I have attached some information for tutoring and homework help resources and for some fun family and local resources/events coming up!

A word from Ms. Casey: The Champions After School Program is now being offered at Adlai Stevenson Middle School from 2:40pm to 6:30pm! Register to enroll your child up now at www.DiscoverChampions.com to join the fun! We are now offering our weekly clubs that include cooking, engaging science with fun, and much more to let your child explore the limitless opportunities for success. I am the Site Director at Stevenson Middle School, and I can be reached at (734) 560-2712 to address any questions, comments, or concerns."

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Monday - Girls volleyball teams will compete at Franklin MS. ****IMPORTANT, please note, BOTH games will begin at 3:30ish since Franklin does have 2 gyms.

Tuesday - ***Meet the Principals meeting at 6pm in the IMC at Stevenson. All are welcome to attend! Be sure all students have a book for school wide reading advisory tomorrow and every Wednesday.

Wednesday- School wide silent reading advisory. Please be sure your student has a book or magazine. Honor Society will be meeting this Wednesday, September 27th in room 106 at 7:10a.m. to finish officer elections. All members please try to attend.

Thursday - Practice lockdown security drill at 9:30am. Please be patient in waiting outside, if you should arrive at the school during the drill, it will end shortly!! Thank you!

Friday - Happy Friday!!!

***Don't forget to check our Google calendar, on our school website, for all away athletic games and events.

Have a wonderful evening!

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