What’s New from the Principal?

Happy Friday! We had an interesting week with MLK holiday and a snow day. With the upcoming cold weather, please be sure to follow Stevenson Middle School and Wayne Westland on Facebook or Twitter for the most recent updates on school closings. Since the weather is much colder now, please be sure to encourage your children to not only bring jackets, hats, and gloves daily, but to wear them. Daily we are having to remind students to not hold on to their jacket, but to just put it on. At the school, our sidewalks and parking lots are salted, but please use caution when walking or driving on your way to school for icy parts of roads or sidewalks.

Report cards will be handed to each of the students in their 7th hour class on Monday, January 28th. Please ask for them that evening. Don’t forget that you can always check their grades and progress regularly through Parent Connect.

Starting the week of January 28th, every student at Stevenson Middle School will be taking the NWEA map assessment. This assessment will run through February 8th, where students will be taking content specific tests in Language, Reading, Science, and Mathematics. This is an adaptive test, which measures all students and scores against other individuals, regardless of their age or ability. During the assessment period we ask that parents and students stay mindful of the amount of rest they are receiving and to keep up on their attendance.

Here is a very helpful link for parents to use for additional support and information regarding the NWEA assessment format and how to help your student succeed.

https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/

This year, to encourage our students to always do their best, we are going to compete against Franklin Middle School. The Middle School with the highest percentage of students that have met their growth goal will win an Indoor Field Day. Additionally, SMS students who improve on their scores will be entered into a raffle for prizes such as free movie passes, Airtime passes, gift cards, and much more fun stuff! GO SAINTS!!!

Click HERE to see the advertisement video the students/staff made to support the competition!

Sincerely,
Principal Doman
Quote of the Week:

“It’s not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters.”

Birthdays!

January 26-31st:
Camren A.
Evie B.
Jaylon C.
Katina L.
Tyrone L.
Eric R.
Timothy B.
Joshua E.
Ruby T.
Justine D.
Alexandra L.
Joshua G.
Chasity S.

Watch the WSMS Student News

If you want to watch the Stevenson Daily News, the same news the students watch, please email Mr. Wagner at Wagnerb@wwcsd.net. This may give you a chance to see your child on the news!
Yearbooks!

Do you want to have a lasting memory of the school year? The Stevenson Yearbooks orders are on sale now. This would make a great gift for the Holidays. Please visit ybpay.lifetouch.com to order a yearbook. Prices start at $24 and can be upgraded to include a personalized cover as well as hard cover. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cosgrove

SMS families, make your voice heard. Please take this Communication Preference survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoZt32usyXkllS9au2YZagqsd8vDvlhEg_VwZWVOdQ0fDNA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Helping Children Manage Fears

When young children get scared, their first thought is usually to look for mom or dad to come to the rescue. We don’t want our kids to feel afraid, but instead of reassuring them for the umpteenth time that, no, there is nothing creepy in the closet and thunder, or bugs, won’t hurt them, it will help them more to learn to manage those fears on their own.

This week on childmind.org we take a look at how to help kids learn to handle ordinary childhood fears, step by step, by developing skills that will serve them well as they get older and face more daunting challenges.

7th Grade Course Selection

7th Grade students will have the opportunity to select their 8th grade course electives starting on January 29th. See your counselor for additional details and questions.
Chat with our Principals (Coffee with the Principals)

The Stevenson Middle School website has been updated with all of this year's dates and times. Please check out our calendar to know when you can make it to have Coffee with our Principals and have your voice heard.

Battle of the Books 2019

The battle of the books is hosted by the Westland Library. Students must have their own transportation to and from the Westland Library. It will be Thursday April 25th from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Westland Library. Dinner will be served for participants and their families. There will be teams from Stevenson and Franklin competing for the trophy and the prizes by answering questions in a buzz in trivia fashion.

**The books that will be used this year are.....**

- **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds
- **Crossed** by Kwame Alexander
- **Artemis Fowl** by Eoin Colfer
- **Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli
- **Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin

Ms. McComb has gone to many ELA classes and has a list of students who showed interest in participating and will be calling them down the week of January 14, so they can pick their groups. Up to five people may be in each group. If I have missed anyone that is interested please have them come see Ms. McComb at the Library to get their name added to the list.

Wrestling

The Stevenson wrestling team has a match at Emerson on the 31st.

Girl’s Basketball

The girl’s basketball team has a game at Emerson on the 30th, and a home game against Frost on the 31st.
Micheal Myles Dontez Scott played on a team called “The Family” at an MLK tournament in Indiana

1st place 7th grade

Parent Resource and Follow Up

Save the Dates!

John Glenn High School will be holding an **8th Grade Parent Night**

When: Feb 6th / Time 5:30 - 7:00

View this [Flyer](#) for more information.

Celebrate Wayne

8th grade night for future Wayne Memorial Students

March 27th in the Stockmeyer Auditorium

6:00-7:30pm

View this [Flyer](#) for more information
"Tips for Communicating With Your Teen"

"What Are the Symptoms of Depression in Teenagers?"

"Mental Health Disorders and Teen Substance Use"

**Ok2Say References and Resources**
If you were unable to attend our Ok2Say seminar, please help yourself to this Google Drive containing useful resources that were given out last Tuesday.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8YCCLXZ99n1aFdlcnp2TmQ5OURjLWxESUk5N01Ra2lDSXdZ/view?usp=sharing

**** Don't forget to like us on Facebook****
Just look for Stevenson Saints Middle School or follow this link:
https://www.facebook.com/stevensonsaints/
Here are some pics from the Young Inventors Showcase last week where middle school representatives from FMS and SMS competed.

6 students represented SMS at the Schoolcraft College in the showcase. It is a pretty big deal. Each student had to get up in front of 250 people and talk about their inventions. They did a fantastic job.

Brandon Burnette received 1st place finisher and Jimmy Parker came in 2nd.

Trent Jones, Aadil Saifullah and Cory Bird all represented Stevenson and did awesome. Congratulations, students!
This Edition of the SMS Newsletter was Written by Mrs. Doman & the WSMS Team!