What’s New from the Principal?

Happy Mid-Winter Break! :)

Writing this newsletter to you all, I find myself in the sunny state of Florida with my family. I do hope each of you are able to take some time with your loved ones and enjoy this time together.

As you are aware, we have been NWEA testing at the school. Each student has been taking four tests covering the following content areas: Language, Reading, Science, and Mathematics. Due to all of the snow/ice days, it has made our schedule we put together hard to keep to. For that reason, we are pushing back the competition date for the winning school between us and Franklin Middle School to Friday, March 8th (originally scheduled for March 1st). This will allow for us to get our makeup testing completed. If your child did not take or complete any of the four tests, they will have an opportunity to complete them during the week we get back from our break.

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/

CLICK HERE TO SEE THE NWEA COMPETITION VIDEO!!

Just a reminder that our mid-winter break is scheduled for February 18-22. School will resume on February 25th.

Stay safe and warm! :)

Sincerely,
Principal Doman

Quote of the Week: “If I can’t do great things, I can do small things in a great way.” - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Birthdays!

February 16-22nd:
Brady I. Kalin B.
Keman B. Christian C.
Jacqueline D. Dominic H.
Derrick S.
Khalil S.
Jayla W.
Painda B.
Cripenna K.
Chloe K.
Javier P.
Matthew S.
Charity G.
Rebecca H.
Rachel C.
Kiara C.
Marice J.
Brian S.
Ziare S.
Alena Z.

Staff Birthdays!

February 16-22nd:
Christine Siepierski, Liz Clark, Cheryl Alcorn

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](http://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.

**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

If you are interested, please come see Ms. McComb at the Library to get their name added to the list.

**Don't forget to like us on Facebook!**

Just look for Stevenson Saints Middle School or follow this link:

[https://www.facebook.com/stevensonsaints/](https://www.facebook.com/stevensonsaints/)

**Parent Resource and Follow Up**
This Wednesday John Glenn held their Elective Expo and 8th Grade Parent night. During this event parents were able to ask questions about course electives and how to keep their student on the right path for college. Here is a link to a view the Google drive containing the information that was passed out. If you have additional questions please call the John Glenn Counseling office at (734) 419-2332.

Please take this short survey to help us determine if another event should be scheduled.

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

Mid-Winter Break!!
Mid-Winter break started Friday. We will see our students back on February 25th. I know for some this is a week for family get-a-ways. For others, this is another week we struggle to keep our kids off of their electronics. If you are looking for things to do, here are a few articles highlighting activities in our area. Some of these come at no cost so please read through the articles in their entirety.

**Mid-Winter Break Activities in Metro-Detroit and Ann Arbor**

**8 Top Things to Do With Kids During Winter in Detroit**

**Free Things to Do in Detroit** (some of these are for warmer weather, but there are some good ideas here for all seasons)

**50 THINGS TO DO IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ON HOLIDAY BREAK (THIS LIST IS ORGANIZED BY COUNTY)**

Please share. If your family has any other suggestions or has a great recommendation please submit to greenshieldsn@wwcsd.net.

**NWEA Assessment**

Testing has finally come to an end. With all of the snow days testing seemed to go on forever. With that said, we are very proud of all of our students on their excellent behavior during testing. We will soon find out if SMS can claim victory over FMS. The school with the highest percentage of growth will win an indoor field day and, of course, bragging rights.

We will also have a raffle drawing for cool gifts. Any student that scored higher on this round of NWEA testing than their last round will have up to 4 chances to enter the raffle.
**If your student missed any day of testing, a make up day will be scheduled for them.**

**Coffee with our Principals**

Our next Coffee with our Principal date is February 26th at 9:30 am and 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Stevenson Middle School website has been updated with all of this year's dates and times.**

Please check out our calendar to find out when you can make it.

**Resource Links**

Last week we started this survey to gather information on what article we should share with our families.

This survey will stay open for more feedback each week.

Per recent request this issue will contain articles focusing on discipline and consequences.

If you find this information helpful you can subscribe to childmind.org to receive their newsletters.

What are appropriate consequences for bad behavior?

Managing Problem Behavior at Home

Gameplan for Peaceful Parenting Your Early Teen
Family Resource Center

If your family or a family you know are in need of supplies, clothes, winter gear, food or any other assistance with family care please contact our Family Resource Center at 734-419-2709.

Here is a link to their page on our District Website.

If you have any input you would like to share, please email our Parent Coordinator.

This Edition of the SMS Newsletter was Written by Mrs. Doman & the WSMS Team!