What’s New from the Principal?

Happy Friday!

It certainly has been an interesting two weeks of cold/rainy/icy/windy weather days. Daily I am reminding students on their way to the buses to put their jackets and winter gear on before they leave the building. Please remind your kids to dress for the winter weather prior to leaving the building to get on their bus.

Please address our school RAPS with your children: Respect, Accountability, Pride, and Safety. We are always reminding the students of our Hallway RAPS. Most often we are addressing students who wear hoods, earbuds in, or their phone out. We are addressing each student we see, so please review our expectations with them as well as each poses a safety risk.

As a reminder since we have sports games upon us, students are not to be in the building in-between school dismissal and the start of the home meets/games. Students either have to take their bus or get picked up by 3:00PM. We do not have adequate staffing after 3:00PM to supervise students. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Every student at Stevenson Middle School has been taking the NWEA map assessment. Due to the weather days, we have extended testing through February 15th. Students are taking content specific tests in Language, Reading, Science, and Mathematics.

During this 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 COMPETITION VIDEO!!
It was made with FMS and SMS students/staff.

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

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Sincerely,
Principal Doman

**Quote of the Week:** “Take a simple idea, and take it seriously.” - Charlie Munger

**Birthdays!**

**February 9-15th:**
- Angle L.
- Kiara H.
- Xavier S.
- Joseph S.
- Amel T.
- Jay W.
- David M.
- Nicholas P.
- Brittnai W.
- Alexis R.
- Brandon U-M.
- Angelica T.
- Kaden B.
- Stephanie W.
- Erin B.
- Aleena B.
- Sweden K.
- Jonathan R.
- Sarah T.
- Azariah W.
- Devin M-L.

**Staff Birthdays!**

**February 9-15th:**
- Donna Rourke
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

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.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook!
Just look for Stevenson Saints Middle School or follow this link:
https://www.facebook.com/stevensonsaints/

**Wrestling and Girl’s Basketball**
The Stevenson wrestling team will have a match against Ore Creek on the 11th, Scranton on the 13th, and Frost on the 14th. The Girl’s basketball team has a game against Hillside on the 13th, and a game against Novi on the 14th.

**Parent Resource and Follow Up**

**John Glenn 8th Grade Parent Night and Elective Expo has been rescheduled**
The new date is listed below.

When: Feb 13th  /  Time 5:30 - 7:00
Where: John Glenn
Schedule:
5:30 - 6:00 pm
Take the opportunity to explore JGHS Elective Expo located in Gym 1.
6:00 - 7:00 pm
Parents will have an opportunity to attend all three sessions taking place in the Lecture Hall, Counselor Classroom, and Room 145. Each session will last approximately 15 minutes.

Credits and Graduation Requirements
Educational Development Plans and Accelerated Courses
The Role of the Counselor

**The due date for course selection sheets is now February 15th**
Chat with our Principals (Coffee with the Principals)
Each month we will provide our parents with an opportunity to sit with our Administrators. At these meetings you will have the opportunity to meet other parents and staff. We encourage you to take this time to discuss any topic of your desire. The goal behind each meeting is to make sure your voice as a parent is heard.

Our next date is February 26th at 9:30am and 7:00pm. Please check out our calendar on the SMS website for up to date information and more important dates.

SMS Needs You:
SMS is looking for raffle prize donations. As part of keeping our kids engaged we are offering small prizes that will be raffled off on May 1st. This is fun for staff and fun for the students. Every student will have the opportunity to enter the raffle up to 4 times. If you are able to donate small gifts such as $5 fast food/7-11 gift certificates, movie passes, candy baskets, or any other gifts appropriate for middle school students, please contact Natalie Greenshields at greenshieldsn@wwcsd.net

Parent Resources and Follow Up
Please enjoy these articles provided by Childmind.org

Conflicts Over Parenting Styles
Parents Guide to Teenagers and Sleep
Do Video Games Cause ADHD?

If you there is a parenting topic you are looking for assistance with, please fill out this anonymous survey and we will do our best to place that information in one of our upcoming newsletters.

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.
National History Day
District Spelling Bee Photos!
This Edition of the SMS Newsletter was Written by Mrs. Doman & the WSMS Team!