

Middle School Newsletter

December 2019



What is going on in each Class?

Math

In Grade 7, students will recognize and represent proportional relationships between units. They will compute unit rates from given ratios and will see their use in real life.

In Grade 8, students will continue learning about solving real-world problems involving calculation with numbers in Scientific Notation. Students will also begin solving one and two steps equations.

Students in both grade levels are encouraged to continue using different platforms for online learning (iReady, MobyMax, and Khan Academy)

Language Arts

In Grade 7, students will continue to work on building reading skills by practicing inferencing and exploring strategies that can be used to determine meaning in context. Students are encouraged to read daily at home and study for vocabulary quiz using "Quizlet."

In grade 8, we have been focusing on writing skills. We finally have access to PEG and students will begin their first essay using this program. We're working on understanding and identifying the six traits of writing, and editing and revising. We have used PEG lessons and Flocabulary for independent practice. Please continue to encourage your child to work on ELA skills at home, by reading on MyOn, studying on Quizlet (danielle_persico), and now writing on PEG (MIWrite.net).

Social Studies

In Grade 7, students will be going into more research with bodies of water-specifically oceans, and introducing map skills and our zombie apocalypse project.

In Grade 8, students will be finishing their research and presentations on the Revolutionary War and will begin learning about World War II.

Science

It is Science Fair time. Students are encouraged to work daily with parental guidance on their science fair projects.

In Grade 7, students are analyzing data to infer the relationship between objects in motion relative to their mass and position.

In Grade 8, students are understanding how traits are inherited and passed on to offspring.



SAVE THE DATE



SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Visit Santa's Workshop for a kid's shopping day to buy for their loved ones! Dec 16-19

***All gifts are \$0.50-\$15.00

Santa and his elves will check your child's list twice and Santa will be at the workshop with a little something for your shopper!

This event is sponsored by STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM.



For your
Calendar

Dec 6
Progress Reports

Dec 11
Half Day

Dec 16-20
Santa's Workshop

Dec 20
Holiday Party

Dec 23 - 31
Holiday Recess

History of Christmas

Christmas is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25–Christmas Day–has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.

12 DAYS OF CHEAP AND FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS...

1. Holiday Light Tour
2. Donating to Charity
3. Wreath Making
4. Christmas Movies
5. Popcorn Garland
6. Baking Christmas Cookies/Cookie Swap
7. Gingerbread House Party
8. Homemade Christmas Ornaments
9. Hot Chocolate Buffet
10. Volunteering
11. Reading Christmas Books
12. Making Christmas gift lists and budgeting



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Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up

Word OF THE MONTH:

CARING

To be concerned or solicitous; have thought or regard, empathy and understanding for a person or animal

