November 2019

The first semester marking period ended on Friday, November 1, 2019! I want to congratulate those students in advance, that achieved honor roll status! I want to encourage those students that did not make honor roll to keep working extremely hard and good things will happen to you as well! As I reflect on the first nine weeks of school, I want to thank each parent that came to Parent Teacher Conferences. Attendance was solid but could and should be better. Parents, if you were not able to attend conferences, please make sure you communicate with your student’s teachers to ensure your child gets off to a great start for the second semester, which begins Monday, November 4th. Successful students are a result of consistent communication among the school, parent and student. A strong school to parent relationship is at the top of the list that ensures a student is successful academically, behaviorally and socially. We want and need your support.

Likewise, we have concluded with our fall sports and I want to congratulate all our student athletes for a great fall session! A special thank you to all coaches and volunteers for working with our student athletes and helping them grow as young people. Your impact as coaches and role models will not show its real value, until later down the road in their lives!

Also, the winter weather is finally upon us. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately to ensure that the chance of getting sick is limited. Furthermore, remember that the school doors do not open daily until 7:22am. If you are dropping your student off early, please ensure he or she is bundled up appropriately to stay warm until the school doors are open.

In addition, we completed our NWEA- Measure of Academic Progress tests for the fall session. You should have received notification on how your student performed on this test, at parent teacher conferences. Please ask your student what he or she scored in reading, mathematics, and science for the first session. Students will take the test again in February and May. NWEA is a growth Measure of Academic Progress test (MAP) and you should expect growth each time your student takes the test. MAP testing is a strong indicator of a student’s ability to perform on high stake tests such as PSAT, SAT and ACT.

Likewise, our 3rd Trunk or Treat was a great success! I want to thank everyone for your donations of candy to our cause. We passed out more than 22,000 pieces of candy to the middle school students. This could not have occurred without the generous donations of our community. A special recognition is forwarded to all those parents that were able to donate their time and vehicle to make this event wonderful! A really big thank you goes to our high school students and Mrs. Cofield for coordinating and making many young faces happy for all the fun that was had at our fall event! You guys ROCK and we thank you so very much!!! Again, we could not have done this without the support of our parents!!!

Furthermore, November is the start of our holiday season! Parents, please take this time to explain to your student the importance of community service to others, particularly those less fortunate than themselves. If possible, please try to find a place where your child can volunteer personal time to help at a senior citizen home, soup kitchen, or homeless shelter, just to name a few. Teaching students to be world citizens and help their neighbors, is important to their overall development as young people.

Lastly, thank you to everyone that participated in our fall school fundraiser. We are still finalizing how we did as a school and who our individual top sellers are. That information will be shared soon. Every Friday morning our PS3 parent
group sells hot chocolate for $1. Please help support our parent group with this endeavor. Finally, I want to thank all those parents that chaperoned at our Masquerade Dance on Friday, November 1st, as well as those teachers, who came to party with our students. All your support is greatly appreciated. The students had a blast!!!

Please review our monthly calendar and mark your calendar to ensure you are aware of all pertinent meeting dates and events.

*Happy Thanksgivings in advance to you and your loved ones !!!!!!!!!!*