

October 24, 2019

Dear 8th Grade Families,

Preliminary Reports and Parent Conferences

During our recent fall break, teachers were busy writing preliminary comment reports for each student they teach. Immediately following that writing period, the parent conference window for families of 7th and 8th grade students was opened. Many families have already met with their child's advisor to review the reports, and others will convene those meetings very soon. Our goal is to complete all 7th and 8th grade conferences by the end of the day on Friday, November 1. If your conference is not yet scheduled, please feel free to contact your child's advisor about setting up this important meeting.

After conferencing with the advisor, I urge you to review the reports with your child – celebrating the aspects which indicate positive growth and discussing strategies for moving past challenges and onto more meaningful learning and exploration.

Music Concerts

All of our students will perform in one of our upcoming music concerts, which highlight the hard work and talent of students in grades 7 through 12. Our musicians will take the Haertter Hall stage as follows: the Band Concert - November 5, the Orchestra Concert - November 7, and the Choir Concert - November 12. Each concert will begin at 7:30 pm. The music teachers will provide information about the necessary arrival times and concert attire for performers. I hope you'll be able to attend.

8th Grade Parent Party

I also hope you'll be able to attend the 8th grade parent party from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Friday, November 8. If you have questions about that event, please contact [Ann Dillon](#).

7th and 8th Grade Party – SAVE the date

On Friday, November 22, all Burroughs 7th and 8th graders are invited to campus for our fall party. We are still working out all the details, but the party will run from 7 to 9 pm (on campus) and will only be open to JBS 7th and 8th graders. I hope your child will come!

Illness

Please remember that children who are sick and have a fever may not come to school and may not return to school until they are fever free (without medication) for 24 hours. If your child must miss school, please contact the front office. Also contact us if your child will be leaving early or coming late to school, and remember signing in/out (front office) is required for all students.

As always, it is a pleasure working with your kids everyday — thanks so much for sharing them!

Sincerely,

[Julie Harris](#)

Principal of Grades 7 & 8

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