

January 16, 2020

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

### **First Semester Reports**

The first semester for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders ends tomorrow, January 17. As you may know, our middle school students do not take final exams at the end of the semesters, but they/you will receive a comprehensive set of comments as well as department-specific check boxes that will indicate your child's first term strengths, challenges and progress. These reports will be written soon after the semester ends and will be mailed home by Monday, January 27. Please be sure your child reads the reports, as they are thoughtfully written and provide specific information that is intended to highlight your child's strengths and progress and to offer suggestions for improvements during the second semester. Your child's advisor will receive a copy of the semester report, will spend time reviewing it with your child, and will contact you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the information included in the report.

### **Second Semester**

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, there will be no classes on Monday, January 20. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 21, the first day of the second semester. With the change in semesters, students will switch between the following courses: Earth Science and Life Science; 2D Art and 3D Art; and Family & Consumer Science (FACS) and Industrial Technology (IT). Full-year courses will not change.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting**

On Thursday, January 23, I'd like you to join me for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting. During this meeting, you will hear information about the students' social transition, the first semester grade reports, academic expectations during the second semester, athletic offerings during the summer and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and the course selection process. This meeting will run from 7:15 pm until about 8:30 pm in the JBS dining room. At 7 pm, snacks and drinks will be available in the Kuehner Gallery for anyone interested in eating something light and visiting with other Burroughs families prior to the start of the program.

### **December Community Service Project**

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders did a phenomenal job during their community service projects. When they came back to campus after completing the work at their assigned homes, they were excited about the families they'd met and proud of the help they'd provided. If you'd like to see photos of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade service experience, please click [here](#).

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

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