

Weekly Eagle News – Middle School

Hello Middle School Community,

You may notice that on most Tuesday mornings, I am not in my usual spot overseeing the daily drop-off routine. While I miss greeting students and waving at parents as I sip my coffee, those mornings are extremely precious for our middle school faculty.

Our Tuesday morning tradition is to gather for faculty devotions, led each week by a different teacher. One of the great things about this tradition is how each teacher leads devotions in their own unique way. It is also remarkable how God can use this devotion time to shape the culture of our middle school.

Several years ago, a teacher shared a devotion about looking for “lovelies” in our day. This means finding the little joys, the funny interactions with kids, or the successes (big or small) we experience with our students. This one devotion led to a regular tradition of teachers gathering after school to share their daily “lovely”. I am sure the teacher who led that devotion had no idea the impact she would have in shaping our middle school culture in a more positive direction so many years later.

I am very thankful to the Admissions team and Chaplain Jim Willard who have graciously stepped in to help supervise drop-off on Tuesday mornings. This has given the middle school faculty the opportunity to grow closer in our relationships with each other and with Christ.

News and notes:

- We have another exciting week approaching as we look forward to the Middle School play *Peter Rabbit*, which opens on Friday evening. Do not miss an opportunity to see this show! Please [click here](#) for more details and to purchase tickets.
- Regional Fine Arts Festival is this Thursday! Students riding the bus will need to be at RCMS no later than 7:15 AM. Even though permission slips were due over a week ago, many have still not been turned in. If your student is attending, the slip **MUST** be turned in to the MS Office first thing Monday morning.
- This week the Student Leadership Team has organized a Spirit Week of dress up days to celebrate the Middle School Play. (School Dress Code still applies and all students must be dressed modestly.)
 - Monday: Dress Like a Celebrity
 - Tuesday: Twin Day
 - Wednesday: Anything but a Backpack Day
 - Thursday: Dress Like an Animal
 - Friday: Pajama Day
- New student-designed House shirts! Some very creative students designed new gear for their houses. Click [this link](#) to purchase Epimeleia, Efthyni, Tharros, Synergasia, and Igesia shirts and sweatshirts.
- Please continue to be in prayer for 8th Grader David Stan. Thankfully David was approved to receive the experimental chemotherapy drug. This does mean he will be in Houston for an extended period of time, which obviously presents housing challenges. Please pray fervently for David and his family and if you feel so led, you can support them financially [here](#).
- We want your feedback! Please check for an email from SchoolRIGHT Surveys and complete it before February 26. We are always striving to improve as a school, and we value your input.

Key Dates:

- March 1 – Reenrollment Deadline
- Cornerstone Gala – March 2
- March 4 – Washington DC Trip Meeting – 7 PM in the Eagle’s Nest. All travelers **MUST** attend (or at least one parent of students traveling on their own).
- 8th Grade Washington DC Trip – March 16-23
- Spring/Easter Break – March 25 – April 1

Have a fantastic week,

Matt Wiers
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