

Weekly Eagle News – Middle School

Hello Middle School Community,

By 4:10 AM Saturday morning 141 eighth graders, parents, and teachers had assembled at Ontario Airport to depart on the Washington DC Trip. The group will be spending four days touring in DC, then by midweek they will be in Gettysburg and Philadelphia, before concluding the trip with two days in New York City. The tour is designed to give students a broad experience of learning about American history from the Colonial Era to September 11. Students will also visit the phenomenal Bible Museum, experience prayer and worship at “David’s Tent” on the National Mall and spend an evening praying on the steps of the Capitol Building. Like our school, our partner organization American Christian Tours integrates faith in every aspect of the tour, so the trip is a time not just of academic, but also spiritual growth.

As I drove away from the airport after seeing the group off, I reflected on what I will miss most not traveling on the trip this year. Of course, I will miss my favorite experiences – The Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, students’ laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Gettysburg, and the Broadway show. However, as excited as I am for my wife and daughter to experience the trip together, what I am missing most is not being a part of the great community that develops over the course of the week. It is always a joy on the trip to see parents connect and forge new friendships, even if their students have attended RCS for many years. This trip also provides a wonderful opportunity for teachers to bond on a deeper level with their colleagues, as well as with students and parents.

Experiences like the DC Trip, the 6th Grade Catalina Trip, and the 7th and 8th Grade Retreat have always been fabulous learning and growing experiences for our students. And each of these trips also provides an opportunity for parents to be involved and to continue to enhance our partnership with parents. Perhaps larger trips can be challenging for parents to participate in, but this week, we have another great community event right on campus!

Our sixth and seventh graders have been working hard on country reports and Christian history projects respectively. All parents and grandparents are welcome to come visit the sixth-grade display boards as well as the 3D projects by seventh graders starting at 12:00 PM this Friday. Please arrive a few minutes early and check in at the Middle School office to get your visitor sticker before exploring the projects. Your student’s history teacher sent an email last week with more details and specific due dates, so be sure to check it out. Looking forward to seeing you on Friday afternoon!

News and notes:

- Report cards were emailed out on Friday, March 15. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your student’s classwork, please reach out to the teacher first. If no resolution can be reached, then feel free to reach out to the office.
- With almost all the 8th graders off campus, this week (March 18-22) provides the 6th and 7th graders the opportunity to have a modified class schedule with more time to work on and prepare 6th grade country reports and 7th grade Christian history projects. Emails have been sent with specific class groups and schedules. Pay special attention to Miss Hibbler’s email about PE!
- 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, 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](#).

Key Dates:

- This Friday, March 22 - History Fair 12:00-1:15 PM
- March 25 – April 1: Spring Break/Easter Monday
- April 12: Friendship Games (minimum day for LS/MS only, MS dismissal 12 PM)
- April 12: Middle School Spring Dance 6-9 PM
- April 26: Forum Festival (7th-8th Band and Choir, MS Jazz Band)
- May 22: 8th Grade Promotion – 3 PM at the University of Redlands Chapel

Have a fantastic week,

Matt Wiers
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