

Good evening, Tigers this is Mr. W, principal of Kiser Middle School, with some important updates for the upcoming week.

First, I want to wish everyone a safe, restful winter break and happy holidays to all. I look forward to what 2024 has in store for Kiser Middle School, and hope that the time of rest and relaxation will help get us ready to come back focused and ready to close out the school year!

Winter Break will be December 22nd through January 2nd. Students return from winter break on Wednesday, January 3rd.

GCS Winter Break Reading Challenge will be available for students to log their minutes read throughout the winter break in the BeanStack App which is found in Clever. Students who read for 300 minutes will receive complimentary tickets to a UNCG basketball game in January or February. Please log your minutes by January 10th.

The Kiser Yearbook is on sale now at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) for \$35. Be sure to reserve a copy for your student now for the end of the year. 8th Grade parents, you can find information on the same website for ordering a shoutout for your 8th grade student for the end of the year to be included in the yearbook!

Final field trip payments for the 8th Grade Outer Banks field trip are due on February 9th. Payments can be made on K12 Payment center which is linked below.

8th Grade Students and Parents, please plan to join us on Tuesday, January 9th from 6pm-7pm on Google Meets to hear about different high school options including having an opportunity to hear from Mr. Barnard, Grimsley I/B Coordinator, so you can be prepared for when the GCS School Choice Application period opens later that week. The link will be provided with communication when we return from winter break.

Note from Mrs. Ingram: Attention 8th Grade Parents/Students – High School Options Important Dates:

- Student session – December 1st & 8th in media center at lunch, use sign up link
- Parent session – week of January 8th virtually (date and time to be determined)
- GCS School Choice Application Period – January 12 through February 23
- GCS Showcase of all Programs – January 31 at the Coliseum
- Tuesday Tours at Program site – February 6, 13, 20
- Parent Notifications – April 19
- Accept/Decline Offers by - April 26

- Students should use the link below to sign up! This link is also posted on my Canvas page under announcements. Students who sign up will receive a pass to attend the session, the day before. If these two sessions fill up, I will host a third one. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BADAD29A75-46290348-high>

Looking forward to working with your students as they prepare for high school!

#### Save the Dates and Events:

- Monday, January 8th Boys and Girls Basketball v. Jamestown Middle School (home) 4:45pm & 6pm
- Monday, January 8th Wrestling @Jamestown Middle School (away) 5pm
- Thursday, January 11th Boys and Girls Basketball v. Southwest Middle (home) 4:45pm & 6pm
- Thursday, January 11th Wrestling @Southwest Middle (away) 5pm

#### Quick Links

- GCS Student & Family Handbook Link: <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/56547>
- Kiser PTA Website: Kiser PTA
- Athletic Forms Link Sports Forms / Forms- Physical, Concussion, Fees and more (gcsnc.com)
- Bus Transportation Request Link Transportation / Requesting Transportation (gcsnc.com)
- Volunteer Registration Link: GCS Volunteer Registration Login (gcsvolunteers.com)
- Free/Reduced Lunch Form LunchApplication.com
- K12 Payment Center Link: Online School Payments for K-12 | K12 PaymentCenter