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

First, I want to congratulate all our orchestra students for their outstanding performances on Tuesday evening. Also, thank you to Mrs. Green Stimpson for her guidance, leadership, and direction with the string program and our students in orchestra.

Winter Break will be December 22nd through 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.

Students and families have several ways they can help Kiser give back to others during the holiday season. First, homerooms classes are participating in a holiday blitz to bring items in order to make and pack care packages for those at the long-term care facility at Peak Resources and also we are helping the Grimsley JROTC with their annual sock campaign.

The Kiser Yearbook is on sale now at 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!

Are you a Kiser Band parent or caregiver? Consider joining the Kiser Band Boosters as a way to connect with other band families and support the band program. Click HERE to join. After completing the google form, you will be asked to submit membership dues of \$7.75 by PayPal or check. Also, consider joining the Kiser Family Remind group by texting @kmsbandboo to 81010. The Remind group will announce upcoming meetings, volunteer opportunities, and more! Have questions? Email kisermiddleband@gmail.com for answers!

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, December 18th Kiser Basketball @Southeast Middle Girls 4:45pm & Boys 6pm
- Monday, December 18th Wrestling v. Southeast Middle 5pm
- Wednesday, December 20th Kiser Basketball v. Northern Middle Girls 4:45pm & Boys 6pm
- Wednesday, December 20th Wrestling @Northern Middle 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