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 band students for their outstanding performances on Tuesday and Thursday evening. Also, thank you to Mrs. White for guidance, leadership, and direction with the band and our students in the program. What a wonderful way to kickoff the holiday season and our winter performances.

Also, we want to shoutout the students who were recognized at the character breakfast for honesty and respect. It was wonderful getting to celebrate those students and they are listed below!!



2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Interim Progress reports went home with students on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to review your student's academic progress, sign, and return the progress report.

Winter Break will be December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

AG Parents, please take a minute to read through the AG Parent Newsletter that is attached to the weekly message!

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 <a href="https://www.yearbookforever.com">www.yearbookforever.com</a> for \$35. Be sure to reserve a copy for your student now for the end of the year. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents, you can find information on the same website for ordering a shoutout for your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student for the end of the year to be included in the yearbook!

The PTA is looking for donations for the PTA Staff Holiday Luncheon. Please take a minute and click on the link to donate for the staff luncheon. Teacher and Staff Holiday Luncheon will be Friday, December 15. Please use this link to sign up to donate: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48A9A72FA1F58-46323625-kiser/5465311#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48A9A72FA1F58-46323625-kiser/5465311#/</a>

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 <a href="HERE">HERE</a> 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 <a href="kisermiddleband@gmail.com">kisermiddleband@gmail.com</a> for answers!

Note from Mrs. Ingram: Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Students –

## **High School Options Important Dates:**

- Student session December 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in media center at lunch, use sign up link
- Parent session week of January 8<sup>th</sup> 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. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BADAD29A75-46290348-high">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BADAD29A75-46290348-high</a>

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

## Save the Dates and Events:

- Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Wrestling Home Match 5pm
- Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Winter Concert Performance All Grades 6:30pm Kiser Gym
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Kiser Basketball @Southeast Middle Girls 4:45pm & Boys 6pm
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Wrestling v. Southeast Middle 5pm
- Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Kiser Basketball v. Northern Middle Girls 4:45pm & Boys 6pm
- Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Wrestling @Northern Middle 5pm

**Quick Links** 

- GCS Student & Family Handbook Link: <a href="https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/56547">https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/56547</a>
- Kiser PTA Website: Kiser PTA
- Athletic Forms Link Sports Forms / Forms- Physical, Concussion, Fees and more (gcsnc.com)
- Bus Transportation Request Link <u>Transportation / Requesting Transportation (gcsnc.com)</u>
- 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

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