



The Corbin Chronicles



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Hello Sequoia Giant Families,

Happy 2026! I would like to welcome back all of our students and families from our Winter break. We hope you and your family had a restful Winter Break. We are excited to welcome students back as we begin the next phase of the school year and continue supporting your child's academic and personal growth.

Students will be engaging in new units of study across all subject areas, with a continued emphasis on building strong reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills. Teachers will also focus on organization, goal-setting, and independent learning habits that are especially important during the middle school years.

Daily attendance and on-time arrival are essential for student success. Please ensure students arrive on time each day and notify the school if your child must be absent.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a productive and successful second half of the school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Douglas Corbin

Principal, M.A. Ed.

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Behavioral Expectations & 8th Grade Promotion

As we enter the second half of the school year, we are reinforcing our Sequoia Behavioral Expectations to all students to ensure a positive and successful environment for all students. We have also begun outlining specific expectations for our 8th grade class to help them stay on track for participation in all field trips, on campus extra curricular events as well as promotional activities. 8th grade families, please look out for further communication regarding these promotional activities in April.

Lastly, on the topic of behavioral expectations, I want to address concerns about students refusing to serve detentions as a result of inappropriate behavior or excessive tardies. **If students are refusing to serve detention, they can be excluded from participating in on campus extracurricular activities, special events including end of the year 8th grade celebrations (picnic, bowling party and/or 8th grade promotion).**

Thank you for your ongoing support in making Sequoia Middle School a thriving community for our students!



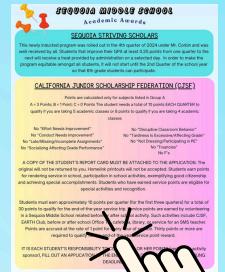
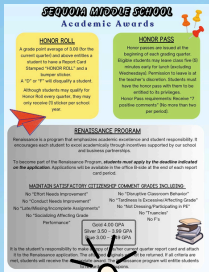


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ACADEMIC AWARD REMINDERS



Students that have not applied for and received an **Honor Roll** sticker for quarter 1 can apply to receive one for quarter 2. Students can receive (1) Honor Roll sticker per school year. Please have your student fill out and submit an Renaissance Application and mark the appropriate box.

Students that earn an **Honor Pass** can show their Science teacher their report card to receive the Quarter 2 Honor Pass. Please remind your student that (1) use of the pass is up to their teacher's discretion, (2) replacements will NOT be made if they are lost, and (3) only they are allowed to use the pass. Students that let anyone else use the pass to leave class early will have the pass and privileges revoked for the remainder of the school year.

Students that improve their GPA at least 0.25 points from Q1 to Q2 qualify for the Sequoia Striving Scholars program and will receive a treat provided by administration on a selected day. Students will receive an invitation to attend the celebration in a few weeks.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A friendly reminder that students are tardy after 8:00 am. Students who arrive after 8:10am need to stop at the B-side of the office first for a tardy slip.
- Please remind your child to charge their Chromebooks before arriving at school.
- Our [school website](#) is kept up-to-date with a lot of key information for students and families. Check it out if you ever have questions about what's going on around campus .



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LEADERSHIP UPDATES FROM MR NELSON & STUDENTS

Talent Show

Our Annual Talent Show is one of the most exciting events of the year! Hosted by Leadership students, it's a chance for students to show off their talents—from music and comedy to everything in between. After tryouts, selected acts will perform in two shows for students and families, with Leadership students serving as MCs. Tryouts are on January 21, and both shows will be on February 6.

February Frenzy

February Frenzy is a fast-paced co-ed soccer tournament with teams of five players and one sub. Teams compete in 10-minute games, and if there's a tie, it goes straight to penalty kicks. Games are refereed and follow soccer rules, with no slide tackling or heavy contact to keep everyone safe. Sign-ups run February 9–13, and finals are on February 17.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 12: Report Cards will be distributed during 7th period.
 - Renaissance and CJSF applications available after school
 - Honor Passes available from Science teachers. Students must show report card.
- January 13: Early Release Day - 1:00pm dismissal
- January 15: Renaissance application due by 3:00pm
- January 15: Mt Diablo HS counselors visit to assist 8th graders with Course Cards
- January 19: Martin Luther King Jr birthday - Holiday NO school
- January 21: 7th annual Talent Show tryouts 1:10-3:30
- January 22: CJSF applications due by 3:30pm; CJSF 1st meeting
- January 23: Talent Show results available after school
- January 27: Ygnacio Valley HS counselors visit 8th graders
- January 27: Renaissance Gold Card celebration
- January 28: Sequoia Striving Scholars celebration
- January 28: Office Hours 1:15-1:45
- January 29: 7th grade Teen Esteem
- January 30: Ygnacio Valley HS counselors visit to assist 8th graders with Course Cards
- February 1-28: Black History Month
- February 6: End of Quarter 3 Progress Report period
- February 13: Progress Reports to be sent via Parent Square
- February 13: Coffee with Corbin 8:15-9:15 in the Library
- February 16: President's Day holiday - No School
- February 17-March 19: Ramadan
- February 17 & 18: 7th grade Ano Nuevo field trips
- February 18: Concord High School 8th grade day