



## MS 8th Grade Dean Update

January 16, 2025

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

It's been a smooth transition back from our winter break which seems like it was years ago! We are back in the swing of things and getting ready for the latter half of the school year.

### Dates of Interest

- **Friday, January 17th -- No School.** Teachers will be writing narrative “report cards” that will be shared with students, advisors and parents the week of January 27th through your portals on myDE.
- **Monday, January 20 -- No School.** Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day.
- **Wednesday, January 29th -- No School.** Happy Lunar New Year!

And because some of you have been asking, **the 8th grade Moving Up Ceremony is on the last day of school, Friday, June 6 at 7 pm.** The ceremony will be about an hour with light refreshments served after the ceremony.

### Of note:

- **Health classes** will begin for half of the 8th grade beginning 1/21. (The other half will begin this **curriculum in February.**) **Please keep an eye out for an email from Mrs. Hovan.**
- **“Middle School Sports Sign Up” Google Form.** Although spring sports don't start until March, Mr. Vettoso e-mailed students a form to sign up this week. Ask your child to check their email if you think they might be interested in spring sports.
- **MS Musical Auditions** are next week. There was an information meeting today for interested students. If your child is interested in participating in the musical, but did not make this meeting, they should email Ms. Lynch at [lynche@d-e.org](mailto:lynche@d-e.org) *All students are cast*

*in the show*. Students interested in being in the play, even if they have never done a show before, should try out! *Note that rehearsals for the play conflict with spring sports practices*. If your child is interested in both spring sports and participating in theater, they will need to make a choice, so this weekend is a good time to begin discussion about these opportunities. Ask your child to check email for more information about the play from Ms. Lynch.

- **MLK and Lunar New Year Assemblies.** On Thursday mornings the whole MS division has assembly time during which students experience special presentations, activities, and sharing opportunities. This month's topics include special presentations coordinated by the department of Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging (DIEB).
- Please see **Dr. Ingram's email** for more details but as a reminder, to honor the spirit of service embodied by Dr. King and Coretta Scott King, we have partnered with Bergen County Human Services' Project Homeless Connect
  - If your family / student wants to supplement the School's contribution, please bring **adult winter socks or full-sized deodorant** to the marked donation bins located near Mr. Davis's office by **Friday, January 24**.

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

Warmly,

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