



December 5, 2022

Dear Middle School Parents,

New MS business and announcements

- The Parent Association is excited for the return of the Holiday Feast on Friday, December 16th! Students in each grade bring in assigned items for a big potluck pasta lunch! There will also be an optional gift exchange in each tutorial. See below for details.
- 8th graders are invited to see Happy Avery if they have questions about accessing their PSAT scores, have questions, or want to go over their scores
- The Upper School and IB (International Baccalaureate) Info Night has been moved to January 11 at 6pm, in Founder's Theater.
- FTC Robotics report - Donovan, Eshan, and Charlie - SGS robotics teams 7935 and 6128 – 4th place! Next competition is on Dec. 17 in Tri Cities.
- Good luck to the 6th grade FLL team this Sunday when they will compete in Freeman!

This week

- Wednesday –
 - 8th graders will get their sweatshirts during H block!
 - FLL afterschool
 - MS/US Holiday Concert in the theater at 7pm (6th grade, plus 7/8th grade choir; students to warm-up in the music room at 6:30)
- Thursday - SGS Trivia Night (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/center-for-family-engagement-trivia-night-tickets-465836628897?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>)

Next week

- **MS Spirit Week Dress-up days**
 - Monday (Dec. 12) – PJ day
 - Tuesday (Dec. 13)– Holiday Hats (or other headwear) day
 - Wednesday (Dec. 14) – Sweater day + hot cocoa/cider at lunch
 - Carols and Cookies in the library during tutorial
 - Thursday (Dec. 15) – Jersey day
 - Friday (Dec. 16) – Flannel day
 - **Optional gift exchange** during tutorial – Students bring a wrapped gift if they want to participate
 - Gift requirements - \$5-10 value, no liquids like pop, can't be all candy, the idea isn't that this is a gag gift, it should be something that someone would like to receive, but students could also add a gag gift if they want.

- **Holiday Feast**

- 6th Grade Students: 12 servings (approx. 60 oz) of cut fruit (store bought fruit plates are fine.)
- 7th Grade Students: Drinks - pack of soda or sparkling water or gallon of apple cider
- 8th Grade Students: One dozen dessert servings (no nuts)

Reminders and updates

- Calling all readers (parents and students) – if you would like Sara Smith to provide you with some books to read over the break, please fill out the form by Dec. 9. <https://forms.office.com/r/337nYgmAU3>
- Outdoor Club
 - Students can check the Outdoor Club board in the MS courtyard for info on:
 - Ski busses
 - Jan. 20
 - Feb. 10
 - Feb. 24
 - Jan. 26 - All School Talent Show
 - Jan. 27-28 – Schweitzer Ski trip, open to grade 7 and above
 - March 3-7 – Spring Break trip to Smith Rocks, open to grade 8 and above
 - June 21-28 – Summer trip on the Kettle Crest Trail, open to grade 8 and above for school year 2023-24 (waitlist)
- Students are reminded to restock their school supplies if they are running low (lined paper, pencils, etc.) Also, students need to bring headphones to class that can connect to their laptop.
- Sport information is provided directly from Ryan Peplinski or the coach to avoid conflicting info.
- We also post MS related information on the **school's website**, on the MS News Webpage: <https://sgs.org/middle-school-news/>, as well as in the bulletin that Michelle posts for the students each week with trivia and information about upcoming events. The MS bulletin is available on sgs.org, Parents tab (password = *inspiring*), Documents & Bulletins, then select MS Bulletin at the bottom of the page. Let me or Michelle know if you have any questions.

Important upcoming dates

December 7 MS/US Holiday Concert (6th grade & 7/8th grade Choir class), 7pm, Founder's Theater

December 8 SGS Trivia Night (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/center-for-family-engagement-trivia-night-tickets-465836628897?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>)

December 16 Optional Tutorial gift exchange, Holiday Feast, Half-day, dismissal at 12:15 (no late bus)

January 3 School Resumes

Middle School Boys Basketball begins

January 11 Upper School and IB (International Baccalaureate) Info Night 6pm, Founder's Theater

Go Dragons!

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