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The Silver Spring International Middle School

February

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Upcoming Events

2/4 SGA/PBIS "Rock Out" Dance, Field House 3-5pm

2/4 Harlem Wizards Basketball Game Field House 7-9

2/6-19 Hosting French Exchange Students

2/8 Honor Roll Jamboree, Field House 3-4pm

2/8 PTSA Parent Meeting, Media Center 6:30-8pm

2/11 7th Grade Movie Night Fundraiser Media Center 6-9pm

Basketball: Games in Field House 3pm

2/1 Boys vs Newport Mill

2/3 Boys vs Sligo

2/9 Girls vs Lee

2/17 Girls vs Key

Principal's Message *John Haas*

Parents, SSIMS has settled in for the winter. We are in a period of routine between the jovial, but sometimes, hectic winter break, end of the semester, mid-term exams and before the anticipated and sometimes dreaded, Maryland School Assessments (MSAs). During the "dead of winter" it is a great opportunity to continue to reinforce reading at home. Reading is one of the fundamentals to student education. Kids should be reading every day outside of school. Everything a child reads has redeeming value, including newspapers, magazines, online publications, and even comic books. Parents: continue to encourage reading at home; you may even want to think about blocking time daily for the family to read. We are fortunate that Montgomery County has a great public library system. Take your child to the library and let them take out books of interest. Good reading . . .

Padres, el invierno ha llegado a SSIMS. Estamos en un período de rutina entre las alegres, pero a veces, intensas vacaciones de invierno, el fin de semestre, exámenes de mitad de año y, a las puertas de los a veces temidos exámenes del Estado de Maryland (MSAs). Durante el frío invierno, es una buena oportunidad para continuar reforzando la lectura en casa. La lectura es una de las bases de la educación estudiantil. Los niños deben estar leyendo todos los días fuera de la escuela. Todo lo que un niño lea es de gran valor, incluyendo los periódicos, revistas, publicaciones en internet y hasta revistas de historietas. Padres: sigan motivando a sus hijos a que lean; de pronto quieran pensar en establecer un horario diario para leer en familia. Somos afortunados de tener un excelente sistema de bibliotecas en el Condado de Montgomery. Lleve a sus hijos a la biblioteca y permítales que saquen libros de su interés. Que disfruten la buena lectura...

PBIS

PBIS Winners: *WAY TO GO!!!*

8th

Respect - Gabriel Cruz
 Responsibility - Sarah Huynh
 Positive Relationship - Collin Wallish
 Teacher - Ms. Anamelechi

7th

Respect - Everton Plunkett
 Responsibility - Lauryn Fanguen
 Positive Relationship - Patrick Lill
 Teacher - Ms. Aguilar

6th

Respect - Britney Chung
 Responsibility - Alana Stavely
 Positive Relationships - Brianna Staples
 Teacher - Ms. Pauselius

PBIS and SGA are sponsoring a "Rock Out! Spirit Week" with the goal of encouraging students and staff to build positive relationship through the love of music. The spirit week will be from Monday January 31st through Friday February 4th with a dance on Friday February 4th, 3PM to 5PM in the field house.



MYP News, *Lis Caison*

February is a busy month for us at Silver Spring International. Passion Project students will begin the new semester by transitioning from the "Plan" into the "Create" phase of the project. Students will finalize their research, obtain their materials and carry out the detailed step-by-step instructions they mapped out for themselves in the second quarter. Students will also begin discussion with their coaches and advisors about the best method for their panel presentations in May. In addition, our school will host 25 exchange students from our sister school, Sainte Thérèse, located in village, Mesnil St. Denys, on the outskirts of Paris. Current and a few French Immersion students from grades 6 through 9 will host the French students and their three teachers in their homes. We have planned an exciting itinerary that includes shadowing our students at school. Our visitors will arrive February 6 and stay through the 18th.

Questions? E-mail Ms. Caison: Elisabeth_WilliamsCaison@mcpsmd.org

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Sixth Grade News



We, teachers and parents, are working to develop students and citizens who think globally and act locally. Students must do their part in the development. Studying and reading should be done every evening, after homework is completed. As we prepare to enter MSA Season (March 7-16, 2011), let each of us parent, student and teacher, stay focused on the goal: student achievement.

Following the adage of Aristotle, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

February Events

Honor Roll Jamboree- Tuesday February 8th in the Field House.

Sixth Grade Town Hall Meeting- Thursday February 17th

KEEP IN MIND...

We want *more* students on Honor Roll for the Third Quarter!

To be eligible students must have a GPA of at least 2.0.

Additional academic support in all subject areas is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 4PM. Show up and the help is all yours!

Seventh Grade News



UPCOMING EVENTS

On Thursday, 2/3 6-8:15 PM, there will be a strategy session for parents of 7th graders who *have been or are* struggling academically. The session is by invitation only and will highlight strategies for parents to partner with the 7th Grade Team in supporting their children academically. It is imperative that every parent invited attends with their child so that we can work together to make sure they succeed!! Contact Ms. Dennis, with any questions.

On Friday, 2/11 6:30-9 PM-- We will be hosting a screening of *How to Train Your Dragon* in the Media Center. This is a great chance for parents to sneak out for an early Valentine's Day date. The funds raised will help offset the cost of field trips and activities. We would love for parent volunteers to help out that night. Please contact Mrs. McNary, if you are able to assist.

On Friday, 3/25 -- 7th grade will be traveling to the National Mall. Students will have the opportunity to explore

the American History Museum, American Indian Museum, or the Holocaust Museum as a part of a MYP interdisciplinary unit. Students will be grouped by English class and complete two assignments while at the museums. All students will have the opportunity to attend, so we really need at least 10 adults to volunteer as chaperones. If you are available to lend a help hand (and two very watchful eyes) please contact Mrs. McNary, for more details.

Eighth Grade News



It's a New Year which means exciting events are just around the corner!

Responsible 8th Grade Jaguars:
-Maintain a 2.0 GPA (with no more than one E).

****Note: Students who do not have a 2.0 GPA will NOT be able to participate in 8th Grade Activities such as the Cruise and End of Year Ceremony.*

- Check Edline daily
- Seek help from teachers when needed

-Check the 8th grade calendar to stay informed on major formatives, summatives, and projects

Upcoming High School Visits

On Feb. 8, Counselors from the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) and Northeast Consortium (NEC) High Schools will be visiting the school to discuss high school registration. Students will have the opportunity to inquire about high school courses and the high school experience. Be sure to ask your child to see their registration forms!

Important Date in February

- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
- High School Registration Visits
- Quarter 2 Honor Roll Jamboree (3:00-4:00pm)

Save the Date!

The 8th Grade Ceremony will be held **Thursday, June 16 at 9:00am** in the Field House. ***ONLY** students who are academically eligible (minimum of 2.0 GPA) will be invited to participate in this End of Year celebration marking the end of their Middle School career and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.