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UCMS NEWS

Week of January 7, 2018



Calendar

Mon.

Tues. -
Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Menu

Mon. Cheeseburger, French fries, baked beans, peaches

Tues. Chicken strips, wedges, carrots, pears

Wed. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, applesauce

Thurs. Pork BBQ, mac & cheese, chips, broccoli, pineapple

Fri. Pizza, corn, salad, fruit cup

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

As it is staying dark longer in the morning and getting darker sooner in the afternoon/evening please pay extra close attention during arrival and dismissal as middle school students cross the parking lot from the sidewalk to the road leading to the middle school. We have reminded the students to be careful. Remember that just because you see them, they aren't always paying attention to you. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

Yearbook order forms are available in the office or you can go to the website to order.

ybpay.lifetouch.com

ID Code: 8785219

Cost is \$24.00 and the order deadline is 3/1/19

Please see my proposed incentive alterations below:

- Earn a C- or better in all classes, including citizenship – **change this to D-**
- No in-school or out-of-school suspensions
- No more 3 tardies to any class per 9 weeks
- No more than 3 disciplinary referrals per 9 weeks (it cannot be a level 3 or 4 offense)
- **No more than 3 missing assignments total in all classes** – remove altogether (a lot to manage)
- **No more than 3 full day absences per 9 weeks** – alter to not include doctor excused absences
- No F in citizenship

UCMS will use the following midterm dates for quarter 3 and quarter 4:

Wednesday, February 6th

Tuesday, April 16th

These dates are more in line with the middle of each quarter (the 4.5 week mark) and will allow for more meaningful academic progress feedback to be

communicated. As always, Power School can be used to get up to date grade reports throughout each quarter.

Classroom News:

Mrs. Snyder – 6th LA- 6th grade ELA class finished expository writing by comparing Christmas in different countries around the world. When we return from break we will begin studying non-fiction. We will visit the library on Monday- Bring your library book to class on Monday and every day! Have a great Christmas and New Year!

Mr. Taylor – 6th Social Studies – Hopefully everyone has had a great Christmas break! Look forward to talking about Mexico in 2019!!

Mr. Taylor-7th LA- Hopefully everyone has had a great Christmas break! We are back to normal when we comeback, we'll be starting vocab on day one!

Mr. Gulley – PE/Health- Starting with 7th Grade Health Chapter 4 Bullying and Cyberbullying

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math –6th Grade Laptop Policy Change for 2nd Semester – Due to several students coming to school each day without a laptop or without a charged laptop, we are changing our policy for 2nd Semester starting when students return after break. Students will be given two warnings, but on their third day of coming to school each grading period without a laptop or a charged laptop the device will stay at school and be charged for them. Students will pick up their laptop from their Success teacher each morning and must return it to that teacher after study hall each afternoon. It is our hope that we will not have to keep any laptops, but we need students to bring them to school ready to go!

6th Grade Math – Mrs. Fields

We took our mid-year NWEA testing this week in math. We still have a lot to cover, but we were focused on growth from the beginning of the year. Please ask your child if his/her score improved and by how much. Most students seemed to take it seriously and give me their best!! We ended the week focusing on coordinate planes and plotting ordered pairs to discover a holiday picture. Merry Christmas and enjoy time off with family and friends!! See you in 2019!

Mr. Hofmann– 6th Science- Students were finishing a Project on Invasive Species and have been presenting to their classmates. Ask them what species are invasive to Indiana or North America. What is the difference between an invasive and introduced species?

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts- This week's focus was writing. Students have been in the computer lab working on a paper discussing The Outsiders and another article. Period 2 students have been writing about two articles, as well, with a topic related to their recent novel. These papers were due Thursday of this week. When we return, we will restart our vocabulary program, delve into our non-fiction unit, and continue practicing our writing skills as we move forward in the New Year. Have a great break, everyone! See you all in 2019!

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – The students took their test over Japan on Friday. That will be our last big unit of first semester. It has been an exciting year so far and we have learned a lot, and we still have a whole other continent to learn about during second semester. We will be moving to India when we return from break where we will be learning how imperialism impacted the nation and the influence Mohandas Gandhi had on the people of India.

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- I want to wish all a happy holiday season! Get some rest and relaxation over break, and come back ready to learn about rocks and minerals.

Mrs. Persinger – Art -Mrs. Persinger – 6th Art

Welcome to UCMS Art! This first week we will get acquainted with the procedures/routines of the Art Room. There will be an Art Syllabus sent home on Monday and must be signed and returned by Friday, January 11th. For our first project we will design and construct our sketchbook to be used throughout the quarter and our very first sketchbook assignment will also be due on Fri., Jan. 11th.

Mrs. Graham - 7th Math- All classes are using their area and circumference formulas to solve area of a shaded part problems. This is a good review of all area formulas!

The Math-RED, GREEN and ORANGE classes have been working on the beginning of our integer unit. We have studied absolute value and students worked on a project prior to break that helped them visualize the idea of absolute value. After break we will continue with integers and learn to compute with them.

The Math-YELLOW and BLUE classes continued solving multi-step equations prior to break. We will apply the process of solving to real-world story problems when we return from break.

I hope everyone has a relaxing, joyful break and students come back renewed and focused, ready to tackle 2nd semester!

Mrs. Goodwin – 7th Business- 8th grade students will begin their rotation in Business this week. Students will learn new skills in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft PowerPoint. Students will also do many career exploration activities, employability activities, and personal finance activities during the semester.

Mrs. Sutter – 8th Language Arts- Students will begin reviewing Greek and Latin Roots, they will continue to analyze literature and they will be working on writing structures.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – Students just finished a unit test over the real numbers and powers. When we return from break they will start learning about linear relationships.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science-Students have wrapped up their unit on Chemistry. After break we will be moving onto Biology focusing on reproduction at a cellular level!

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies-We wrapped up unit four focusing on the establishment of national government and the importance of our Bill of Rights! After break, we will have our first president of the United States under the U.S. Constitution: George Washington! I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr.Nash-8th AG- In 8th Grade Ag class this week studied for the exam the students took on Wednesday to recap the 2 quarters. Have a wonderful break and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Allbright – Choir- Awesome job to all choir kids!

6th grade are receiving letters if they have been selected into choir. Please read over the packet and get short order forms in and rule sheets signed on January 7th.

One correction for the 6th grade choir packet: The winter concert is February 6, 2019. The year should be 2019 on all the dates.

Happy Holidays!

Mr. Vogele – Band - 6th Grade Band will start in January on the first day back. We will help with the instrument acquisition process. Do not worry about this over the break.

7th grade had additional opportunities to submit missing work all week. We played a seasonal tune in class, and progressed through the first part of Unit 7 in our rhythm book and finished Unit 4 in our other method book.

8th grade is undergoing a sight-reading project. Students distributed a full dozen tunes, which we read this week and will continue to read in lieu of our method book (because we finished it!) next semester. I am excited to move forward with this group when we return from break.

Ms. Bryant –After winter break we will be jumping right back into the zones with the "How do I feel" lesson. Students will be given a wide variety of hypothetical situations and we will discuss the different emotions with these scenarios. This will help students understand that different events can evoke different emotions. We will also get into "Zones Idioms" and discuss sayings like "down in the dumps" and "mad as a hornet" and what they really mean. As always, check your child's communication notebook and/or PowerSchool and canvas for specifics on your child.

Mrs. Lathery –We are all excited for Christmas break and have been working hard to finish up the year on a great note! Everyone has made great progress this year and I am looking forward to the New Year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Weaver-Library-

Athletics

Mon. –

**Tues. – 6:00 pm. 7/8 grade BBB @ Hagerstown
6:00 pm. 7/8 grade GBB vs. St. Michael @ home**

Wed.-

Thurs. – 6:00 pm 7/8 grade GBB vs. Connersville @ home

Fri.-

Sat.-