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UCMS NEWS

Week of December 18

Gratitude: Letting others know you see how they've helped you

Calendar

Mon 7:00 Choir Concert @ H S Auditorium
Wed End of 2nd 9 Weeks
Thurs Winter Break Begins

Menu

Mon Chips w/meat & Queso cheese, broccoli, brownie, fruit Cup
Tues Chicken strips, French fries, carrots, pineapple
Wed Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll, applesauce

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Yearbooks – UCMS Yearbooks for the 2017-2018 school year are now on sale. The cost is \$21.00 with checks payable to UCMS. Order deadline is March 9, 2018. Order forms were handed out to students or you may order online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with the yearbook ID Code: 8785218

Attendance – Please remember to notify the school office if your student is absent. This can be done by a phone call, e-mail or note upon returning. Without contact from a parent or guardian, the absence is considered unexcused.

Parents – if you have a change or addition to your address, phone numbers, email address and/or emergency contacts, please go on to Parent Connect to make the changes or notify the office and we will make the changes.

Registration forms for School Smiles were sent home with the students on Monday. School Smiles is an on-site dental program. They accept Medicaid, most private insurance plans, and offer Grant Scholarship Funds for those uninsured on a first-come-first-served basis. If your child does not have a current dentist, please consider this opportunity! They will be at UCMS on January 10th, 2018. Registrations forms are **due December 18, 2017**. For more information about School Smiles, you may go to their website at www.schoolsmiles.com. To print a registration form, go to <http://schoolsmiles.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/IN-REG-FORM-2016-Update.pdf>.

December 20 is the end of the 2nd 9 weeks. Report Cards will be mailed on January 8. Winter break is from Thursday, December 21 thru Tuesday, January 2. Students return January 3.

Classroom News:

Mrs. Reece– 6th LA – We are moving forward with our nonfiction unit. This week, students did a short unit on the Titanic, reading several articles that were missing text features (subtitles, graphs, picture captions) that they had to add in as we read. We have also been focusing on summarizing, and will have a quiz next week on summarizing using important details. Don't forget to read for book reports over Christmas break! When we return, we will only have eight school days before the report is due January 15th! I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. See you next year!

Mrs. Reister – 6th Social Studies – This week we finished up with the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas. Students will have a test over these three civilizations on Tuesday, December 19th. Have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas Break!!! See you all next year!!

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math – All classes are going to wrap up a unit on coordinate planes before leaving for break. This time of year can be very busy, but please encourage your child to keep working until the end. I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! I hope your break is full of family, friends, laughter and relaxation! See you in 2018!

Mrs. Dannaker – 6th Science – We will be wrapping up our Physical Science unit this last week before winter break. After we return we will begin our third nine weeks with Life Science. Have a wonderful and relaxing break.

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts – This week, students in periods 3, 4, 5, and 7 took their test over The Outsiders. They also worked on revisions for their essay called "Music of the Soul". Next week, we will hopefully be learning about direct and indirect objects. HALA students finished their memoirs and began revisions over the same essay.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – This week we continued to learn about South Asia with a focus on the country of India and its colonial past. We have been learning about how colonialism impacted the nation of India and also learned about one of the key people who helped to bring about independence for that country. There will be a test on 12/19/2017 over this information and that means the students were given a study guide on 12/12/2017 that will help them to focus their studying.

Mrs. Beiser – 7th Science – Monday is the final drive of the egg cars. Who's egg will crack and who's will not? Tuesday through Friday students will be relating what they know about Newton's Laws of Motion to the movie Toy Story 2. A 10-15 minute clip of the movie will be shown then the students pick one scene to write and draw about. The project will be put on poster board and displayed. Look on canvas for the rubric and project guidelines under files. Use class time wisely and be creative! As Buzz would say, "Reach for the sky!"

Mrs. Harvey – 7th Business – I cannot believe that my time with 7th grade is coming to an end! We've spent lots of time typing, reviewing basic internet safety concepts, and using Microsoft Office software. Next week, we will wrap up all of our projects and do some final practice in Word and Excel before heading out for break. I look forward to working with these students again when they're 8th graders!

Mrs. Graham – 7th & 8th Math – All students have been working with slope/constant of proportionality. We have learned to define slope as ratio of the vertical change (RISE) over the horizontal change (RUN). We have distinguished the difference between linear functions and nonlinear functions and how their graphs are different. Students have also learned how to tell whether a function has a proportional relationship or not. We are now calculating slope based on a graph and deciding about proportionality. We will continue to build this concept through graphing, equations and tables when we return from winter break.

The Math-RED, YELLOW and BLUE classes have started learning about writing 2-step equations based on a story problem. We will continue this next week. When we return from winter break, we will continue working with equations and story problems. The Math-GREEN and ORANE groups are solving 2-step equations. We will continue this concept when we return in January, adding writing our own equations based on a story problem.

I cannot believe this year is already half over! I wish you all a wonderful holiday with family and friends. I wish you all joy, hope and peace in the new year!

Mr. Whalbring – 8th Language Arts – This week and next week in 8th-grade English, we've been looking at some additional Latin Roots, with a quiz Friday. In reading, we've been studying the elements of story, including character, plot, conflict, setting, and resolution. We've been breaking these elements down through reading the short story, "Flowers for Algernon." Students this week have also been working on character analyses, which they present to the class in groups.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – Students are continuing to solve linear equations in one variable. Algebra: Students are finishing the linear function unit. The test will be on December 19th and 20th.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science – Students took their chapter 5 test this week. All missing work and quizzes are due by the end of the day Wednesday December 20th. Extra credit is also due on this day. Students were given the extra credit opportunity in class; it is also listed on Canvas. We will be programming with the Ollie and Spheros before break.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies – Unit four is rapidly coming to a close. Our test will be on Tuesday, December 19th with review guides and core vocabulary due on Monday. Students have access to a video that I created giving an overview on the objectives for the unit. Next Wednesday marks the end of the grading period. Please make sure that you are monitoring Parent Connect for any missing assignments and current grade status. Just a reminder that I am uploading various documents on Canvas---including the review guide objectives, core vocabulary, and unit four flash cards! There is even an "Absent Work Information" tab! I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Persinger – 8th Art - Students will be working on and finishing the Illuminated Manuscript project (last project of UCMS Art!). Students will choose either their first or last name initial to use in the artwork and incorporate 3 images that tell about themselves. We will be using the element of value when adding color with colored pencil to finish the artwork. Have a great winter break and Happy 2018!

Mrs. Allbright - Choir – The Choral Concert is Monday December 18th. All students are to wear choir t-shirts and jeans. They should report to the Band Room to line up at the high school at 6:45. Please do not arrive earlier than 6:30 as the room and auditorium will not be unlocked. The concert will start at 7:00 and be followed by a short break to switch to the high school concert.

Mr. Vogele – Band – 7-8th grade students had time this week to make up or retry any missing playing tests and in-class pass-offs, and ensure they met the iPad note reading goal for the quarter in preparation for final grade reporting. 7th grade also held percussion auditions during study hall. Results will be posted prior to break.

6th graders finished the trombone, got mostly through trying the clarinet, finished all clef reading assignments, and received letters of recruitment for 6th grade band in the spring. Please contact Mr. Vogele with any questions!

Ms. Bryant - Math: Last week we finished up our fractions unit. We took a test over dividing fractions and EVERY ONE ROCKED IT!!!! GREAT JOB!!!! This week we have moved on to order of operations and will be focusing on that until winter break!

Language: We are learning about Kwanzaa traditions this week. Students have enjoyed learning about all of the different traditions that different people have during the winter season. We will not have vocabulary/spelling words the last 3 days before winter break!

Lifeskills: We will continue working on our independent living skill and our individual goals. We will also be cooking special treats the last 3 days before break! Be looking for a treat bag Wednesday the 20th! :)

Reading 8: We will continue working on language skills with our Polar Express unit. Monday-Wednesday next week we will be comparing and contrasting the book and the movie.

Enrichment 7: We will be taking a break from PLATO. We will continue working on language skills with our Polar Express unit. Monday-Wednesday next week we will be comparing and contrasting the book and the movie.

Reading 6: We will continue working on language skills with our Grinch unit. Monday-Wednesday next week we will be comparing and contrasting the book and the movie.

Mrs. Wiebe - 7th grade Math: We have been working on solving equations, especially two-step equations and will hopefully get into translating a word problem into an equation soon.

6th Grade Math: We have continued working with our coordinate plane. We have been working with area and perimeter on the coordinate plane and will get started soon with reflections on a coordinate plane.

ATHLETICS:

No games until January 4 when the 7/8 Girls' Basketball Teams start their season at St Michael's and the 5/6 Boys play at home against Seton.

Happy
Holidays!