

Summit Middle School Newsletter

February 2021

Message from the Principal

Dear Summit Families:

It has been great seeing students back in the Summit building during the month of January. First semester grades for online and in-person students will be mailed to your homes this week. I know that many of you already have viewed these grades on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. However, we have decided to mail a report card to ensure each family receives a grade report.

A number of parents have inquired about clubs that are available to students for second semester. I have included each club and the sponsors. Please email these sponsors if you would like your students to be a part of their club.

- School Climate Committee (Shannon Brock and Lauren Heston)
- Spanish Club (Jilian Meyer)
- Environmental Club (Kylie Templeton)
- Hyperstream Club (Jeff Motz)

In addition, Summit is presenting the third annual Spring Play. The event will be virtual this year. Scenes will be filmed in small groups, edited to create a final product, and a link sent to parents and students for their viewing pleasure. Finally, on March 30, 7th-grade Jazz Band will start meeting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

February is Black History Month. Summit will participate by reading and analyzing poetry, speeches, and literature by black authors. In addition, our social studies courses will address slave trade and the colonization of Africa. These efforts are a part of our regular language arts and social studies curriculum, but are intentionally taught during February to highlight black literature and history. If you have any questions about Black History Month at Summit, please email or call, and I will explain in greater detail.

I hope you and your family are staying safe and well.

Sincerely,
Chris Billings
Principal, Summit Middle School

Counselor Corner



Hello 6th grade families! 6th graders will begin the course selection process for 7th grade and the upcoming 2021-22 school year this month. Please watch your email for the 7th grade course request form.

This form should be sent to parents and students on Wednesday, February 3rd. Please review and submit this form with your student.

Your student will be meeting with Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Goodenow during basecamp time on February 11th or 12th to make their 7th grade course selections in Infinite Campus.

6th grade digital dragons, you will receive the 7th grade course request form information and other scheduling information from Mrs. Barlow or Mrs. Heitritter.

The United Way has started a new Homework Helpers Line. Below is a flyer with more information:

The Summit School Culture Committee will be recognizing Black History Month during the month of February by creating daily tributes to honor people and places in black history. The Culture Committee have created the tributes and will be sharing them with teachers and students throughout the month. If your student is interested in being part of the Culture Committee please have them contact Mrs. Brock or Mrs. Heston.



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Summit Health Office

When return to in person learning, please continue to monitor your child for symptoms of illness. Keep your child home if he/she does not feel well. Notify Summit if someone in your household is going to be tested for Covid, or if there is a positive Covid case in your home.

6th grade parents, If your 6th grade student has not had the Tdap and Meningitis vaccines, please consider scheduling this while students are working online. Both of these vaccines are required by the first day of 7th grade.

Below is a quarantine calculator that is helpful for families if the need arises.



quarantine-calculator.pdf

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2.5 MB

Winter Chorus Concerts

6th Grade Chorus-

A day choirs- Feb. 1st 1:45-2:42pm in cafeteria

B day choirs- Feb. 2nd 1:45-2:42 pm in cafeteria

7th Grade Girls Chorus-

Feb. 9th 8:00-9:10am in cafeteria

7th Grade Boys Chorus-

Recorded in individual choir classes



Videos will be posted as archives on Johnston Livestream Link. We will send link once video is posted.

Attire for 6th grade and 7th grade girls chorus is to wear Johnston colors- purple and gold (or black or white) for our concert recording. Shirts can include a logo if it's a Johnston logo, otherwise, shirts should be plain.

Important Dates to Remember

February 3rd

Dismissal at 11:50

February 10th

Dismissal at 11:50

February 17th

Dismissal at 11:50

February 24th

Dismissal at 11:50

February 25th

Dismissal at 11:50

Parent Teacher Conferences

End of Second Trimester





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