

Sixth Grade News

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SUCSESSES: The sixth graders are enthusiastic about everything they do, whether it be a spelling exercise or calculating density in science. It's always great to see such positive attitude. They especially did a great job presenting their personal narratives and giving each other thoughtful feedback.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: When working on assignments, the middle school teachers have observed that students are constantly asking questions even before first carefully reading and attempting to solve problems on their own. They seem afraid to make a mistake. I don't want to discount their attention to detail but many class assignments have taken so much longer to complete because of this. Please encourage them to think about the questions being asked, and do their best with the resources before them as well as tap into their prior knowledge. We prefer for them to do their own work, take risks, and that it's okay to get a question wrong. You can always learn and improve from the mistakes. I hope they will build speed, confidence, and become more self-reliant this school year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES Helping set up tables and etc. for Back to School BBQ would be a great service opportunity. Mimi Jarchow is the contact person, the one who would sign service hour sheets. Also, the Day of Caring through the United Way is coming up on Saturday, September 17th as well as Coastal Cleanup Day. Please follow the links below for details.
<http://www.unitedwaysb.org/day-caring-2016> <http://www.sbprojectcleanwater.org/CCD/>

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS Girls' volleyball and boys' soccer practices begin next Monday. Sports contracts were handed out today. I have attached the contract in case someone changes their mind or has misplaced it. We would especially encourage the 6th grade boys to try out for soccer.

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ We welcome you to the Back to School Night BBQ hosted by our eighth grade families next Friday, September 16th, from 5-7:30PM.

SCHOOL FAMILY MASS Looking ahead, sixth graders will be in charge of the 10am mass on Sunday, October 16. All students are expected to attend. Please let Miss Lee or me know as soon as possible if you have any conflicts.

BOOK CLUB It is a new school year and Book Club is starting up again! The next Book Club will be held Monday, September 26, at Errol Sullivan's home. Directions will be posted on the website. The book we will be discussing is *Booked* by Kwame Alexander. This is a poetic narrative that incorporates two of our shared passions, reading and soccer. It will keep you turning the pages.

BAND Attached please find the band sign-up sheet. This morning Miss Tipple held an assembly to familiarize the students to the instruments. Registration is due by next Friday. Classes will start on Monday, September 19.

AUCTION ITEM: All family auction items are due next Friday, September 16.

The week ahead:

09/12 – Monday	PE/Electives/Study Hall
09/13– Tuesday	Spanish/Electives
09/14 – Wednesday	9am Mass /Spanish/Study Hall
09/15 – Thursday	PE/Electives
09/16 – Friday	Spanish/2pm Dismissal