Principal’s Letter

Happy Almost Spring! Soon we will be starting Spring Break and working towards the end of second semester.

This year testing will begin in March and continue in April. 8th grade testing will continue to be completed via computer based technology. Our 9th grade students will take the PSAT test. For 8th grade, the State assessments are for Literacy, Math, and Science. The testing window for 8th grade starts after Spring Break and extends through April. Students will know testing specifics for testing days through Advisory. Students will test 1 day for each content area for a total of 3 days. The 8th grade testing days for Literacy and Math are March 25th and 26th. The Science testing window starts in April so the last 8th grade test day will be April 7th.

Our 9th grade students will be taking the College Board PSAT for the State assessment. Our 9th grade students will take the PSAT the morning of April 14th which will complete their testing for the year. Please note for April, all 9th grade students will take the PSAT on the 14th and when finished be done for the day. 8th grade students will not have school that day due to requirements of the College Board for PSAT testing and due to facility constraints. Our website will have a listing of days for the testing schedule.

This schedule allows for the least amount of time away from normal instruction with the large numbers of students that we have and takes advantage of the technology resources that we have available. This will ensure that we are able to complete required testing within the given window of time and with the best possible testing environment.

Our teachers have worked all year to help prepare students for the academic standards as well as for their future educational needs. Please encourage your student(s) to do the very best that they can on the assessments as they are used to determine what they know compared to State and National requirements, helps in placing students in correct classes, and provides a body of evidence of their academic performance. 9th grade PSAT will be the first record of student performance through College Board and will stay with each student throughout high school and into college placement.

We just completed two weeks of days focused on school spirit, positive culture, and kindness. This also included Agriculture Week. Through Kindness Is Contagious week and through spirit activities, our goal is to continue fostering support for one another while spreading kindness throughout our school community.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jason Plantiko
If you give permission for your student to leave school with someone who is not the parent/legal guardian, or on your Emergency list, you are asked to provide written, signed notification stating the time the student is to be picked up and the name of the person with whom he/she is leaving campus. That person is required to come to the office to sign the checkout book when the student leaves and when he/she returns. Note that when leaving for lunch with someone other than a parent/legal guardian, the student will be excused for their school lunch wave only. If the student is not signed out by the person they go to lunch with it will not be excused. Please plan ahead. Phone calls or faxes will not be accepted as permission.

THANK YOU– ADMIN

Athletic Reminders:
8th Grade Track Info

Paper work is available on our Website and in the main office for students to pick up.

First Track practice will be Wednesday, March 25th.

9th Grade Spring Sports
Tryouts begin March 2nd

All 9th-12th must register for all sports online at http://www.wearefruita.com/registration

Baseball
Girls and Boys Lacrosse
Boys & Girls Track
Girls Soccer
Girls Golf
Boys Swimming
Girls tennis
**Lunch Room News**

Please be sure to monitor your students lunch account. You can do this by signing up on www.mypaymentplus.com on the District Website or contact Mrs. Kohls @ F 8/9. Remember to payoff current charges because the balance will follow to the following year.

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**School Text Books & Calculator**

Students will be responsible for text books that are “scanned” out to them. A fine may be assessed for a damaged or lost book. Textbooks ARE NOT officially checked in and credited to the student until they are scanned. Dropping them in the library box, the main office, leaving them in a classroom or locker, or giving them to a staff member DOES NOT qualify as a book return.

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**Need a chocolate fix?** Ms. Bohl and a few choir students are selling World’s Finest Chocolate bars for the next couple of months. There are a variety of flavors and are $1.00/each. See Ms. Bohl 4th through 8th hr in room 51. Thank You!

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**Ski & Board Club Info**

Final Ski and Board club ski day is Saturday March 7th. Meet at the Flat-top flier at 9am. Our last after school meeting is Wednesday March 11th from 3:30 - 4:30.

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**Spring Break**

March 16th-20th
All freshman are taking the PSAT 8/9 on April 14. The test will run from 8:00-11:30, at which point students will be dismissed for the rest of the day. We will serve lunch for students who stay on campus and busses will run at regular times. 8th graders will not attend school that day.

This is the 3rd year that this is the state test for freshman and we are excited about the opportunities it provides our students and teachers.

The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Tightly aligned with SAT, it establishes a baseline for college and career readiness. The PSAT 8/9 will support all students with early feedback on the skills and knowledge that matter most for college and career success. This test will help us as educators have an early opportunity to:

* Measure and follow student performance.
* Ensure students are on target to achieve college and career readiness.
* Pinpoint areas for development

Every student who takes the PSAT 8/9 will get a personalized online score report. This report includes detailed information about your child’s strengths and areas for growth, identifying where they excel and where they can get better during high school to be ready for their future.

To learn more about the exam and to see practice questions, please follow this link to the PSAT 8/9 Student Guide.


F8/9 Counselors

Judi Weber – A~K
Colleen Stabolepszy – L~Z
Welcome back NJHS 9th grade members! Please note that our monthly meeting days have changed to the second WEDNESDAY of each month after school. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9th in the Fruita 8/9 library right after school until 4:00 p.m. All NJHS members from last year are encouraged to join us. We will be electing our Executive Council Officers at this meeting (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian & Parliamentarian). Any interested candidates, come prepared to give a short speech regarding your motivations & qualifications for the desired office. We will also share some new ideas we'd like to implement for 2015-2016.

**Students Of The Week**
- Ryan Heiney
- Emma Edwards
- Bailey George
- Garrett Cupp
- Brielle Luckett
- Ayden Blevins
- Kiah Petree
- Aaron Lanning

**Rotary Student Of The Week**
- Ian Allen

**Alpine Bank CMU Students**
- Makenzie Wooters
- Carter Hines

**Athletes Of The Week**
- Parker Noah
- Molly Younker
- John Haley
- Peyton Levine
- LJ George
- Daniel Denton
- Mark Armburster
- Savanna Turner

**Staff Of The Week**
- Jill Willford
- Peter Stabilepszy
- Billy Weatherly
- Scott Toovey

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**Don't ever doubt your worth.**

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**Funnies & Quotes**

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Spring Break! I'm out!
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