



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are already nearing the end of the first marking period, and we have accomplished quite a bit with our students. Our teachers are making significant strides within our first 45 days, and we owe great thanks to the support you have shown us from home. As the marking period comes to a close on November 4th, it is vital to communicate with our staff if you have any questions about one of your child's courses. October brings several initiatives and festivities throughout our school district and middle school buildings, and I have highlighted those below.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the country's largest (and oldest) bullying and drug prevention campaign. The week of October 24th is for our community, school, and individuals to continue awareness of the importance of a bully and drug-free school community. Our students will participate in lessons within the 8th period surrounding drug prevention and designated themed days. [The flyer for the themed events can be found HERE.](#)

Halloween Festivities

Our Spirit Club, led by our students, has put together an exciting plan for the week of October 24th. Our teachers have been coordinating grade-level POD and pumpkin decorating contests with each homeroom, and we are looking forward to seeing what they put together. We are asking for your help! Students will participate in "trick or treating" on Friday, October 28th, within the hallways, and each homeroom is tasked with collecting candy to support the fun. **We will not accept any home-baked items, candy, or items that contain nuts. Pre-packaged and sealed is best!** Friday, 10/28, is costume day. Please be mindful that students are not permitted to wear masks or bring in any objects that are considered weapons. If you are unsure of an object, please err on caution and leave it at home. Thank you. [See our Halloween flyer HERE for more details.](#)

Welcome, Mr. Anthony Barth, Assistant Principal

We welcome our new middle and high school assistant principal, Mr. Anthony Barth, to the district starting Monday. Anthony joins us from the Pennsbury School District, where he served in various roles. Anthony and I will host grade-level parent meet and greets in November and December.

National Blue Ribbon Recognition

I want to thank all of you for your support in partnering with our teachers to ensure our middle school provides the best education we have come to expect. As you are aware, we have been recognized by the United States Department of Education as one of 297 schools in the country (the only middle school in the state) to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award as an Exemplary High-Performing School. This achievement reflects our promising students, dedicated faculty and staff, and an engaged, supportive community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share as we head into the second marking period. My door is always open to you.

Sincerely,

Erik S. Pedersen
Middle School Principal