



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to all of you! With the New Year comes hope and excitement as we continue our 2022-23 journey. At school, it means checking students' progress and making necessary adjustments to help improve their learning. Our grade-level teams and MTSS group spend significant time each week reviewing several data points for each student within the building to determine any necessary support. Second marking period report cards will be available as we reopen the portal this Friday, January 27th, at approximately 3:00 pm. Don't hesitate to contact the teacher directly via email if you have a question or require clarification related to a grade.

### **MS Mid-Week Blast**

Please ensure you are regularly checking our "Middle School Mid-Week Blast." The blasts contain critical building-level information, extra-curricular items, and other student or teacher-led initiatives. Upcoming blasts will have winter dance details (2/24), PSSA/Keystone information and dates, and middle school programming webinars, including course selection information for the 2023-24 school year.

### **Welcome, Dr. Patrick Scarpello - Athletic Director**

We welcomed our new middle and high school athletic director, Dr. Scarpello, in December 2022. He joins us from the Montclair, NJ community, where he served as the athletic director for quite some time. He has not wasted any time meeting all our coaches and student-athletes while becoming familiar with the Suburban One League (SOL) and MS Bucks County League (BCL).

### **Coffee & Conversation**

Starting in March, I look forward to hosting Coffee & Conversation opportunities for any parent who wants to stop in and say hello and discuss different topics of interest relating to the middle school building. Each month I will invite a couple of folks from the district to join me. March will include our new assistant principal, Anthony Barth, and our new athletic director, Patrick "PJ" Scarpello. We will aim for a Friday morning after we get the building up and running. As we approach the middle of February, I will communicate a date and light agenda.

### **Key Dates** (additional information will be provided relating to the details of these dates)

- June 9th, 10:00 AM - 8th Grade Promotion
- February 13th - Middle School Programming Webinar for 2023-24  
5th grade, 5:00pm / 6th and 7th grade, 6:00pm
- February 15th - End of Special Rotation 3 of 5
- February 16, 17, 20 - No school for students (staff in-service and Presidents Day).
- February 24th - Winter Dance (check the mid-week blast)
- March 7th - Holocaust Survivor Speaking Engagement/Assembly
- March 14th and 15th - 7th grade Challenge Day (please complete permission slips in today's blast)

Sincerely,

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Middle School Principal