



Schwarzkoﬀ

SNIP ITS

January 2020

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan:

- 2nd Return to school
- 9th Jet's Pizza Night
- 14th Bagel Day
- 15th 6th Grade Band Concert @ Stevenson HS
**Concert starts @ 6:30
- 16th ½ Day - Dismissal @ 11:29
- 17th ½ Day - Dismissal @ 11:29
- 20st NO School - MLK
- 31st Chuck E Cheese night

Feb:

- 3rd-7th BOOK FAIR
- 7th PJ's and Pancakes
- 11th Bagel Day
- 12th Count Day
- 17-21 NO School Winter Break

Winter NWEA Testing

As the coldest months of winter bear down on us, it is time for a checkup on your student's academic progress. Our students NWEA test 3 times a year to ensure they are making adequate growth. Our goal is for ALL students to be at or above the 50th percentile for NWEA reading and math by the time they leave Schwarzkoﬀ. Since all students have a different starting point, the effort required to meet and exceed this goal is based on the individual student. Over time, you should see your student's NWEA percentile trending upwards. This past fall, all students had the NWEA Family Report sent home. This report is a great snapshot of your student's progress so far.

As we get ready for Winter NWEA testing, please talk to your student about their academic goals and where you expect them to be by the end of the year. Be sure to encourage them to do their best. Watch for communication from your classroom teacher about when your student will be testing. A good night's sleep before a testing day is a great way to set them up for success. Eating a healthy breakfast is a snap at Schwarzkoﬀ since all meals are free...just get here on time. All Schwarzkoﬀ kids should know their W.I.G. (Wildly Important Goals) testing goals. In fact, some teachers have the kids W.I.G. printed in invisible ink on the P.R.I.D.E. take home folder. Even, if your child doesn't reach their goal, this is a great time to check in with the classroom teacher and come up with a game plan for your child's success. Working as a team, our kids are sure to meet our goal of becoming a Top 5 performing school within the next 5 years.

Positive Respect Whole School PBIS Pep Assembly

On Wednesday, December 18th our school had a school wide assembly on Positive Respect. The students watched as some of our 5th graders performed a Reader's Theater on "Have you Filled a Bucket?" The students learned that being positive means showing kindness to others. The skit demonstrated that positivity comes back at you, as YOU feel better when you treat others with kindness and grow your positive energy.

We also invited a new Chaldean officer from the Sterling Heights Police Department to join us. He spoke in Chaldean to our students and participated in short skits about the importance of showing respect to others. We taught the students to show respect when you disagree with others by having 1) quiet body language 2) clearing up misunderstanding OR 3) apologizing if a mistake has been made. We encourage you to teach these lessons to your students at home as well. Showing positive respect at home and school sets the expectation that our students will have success anywhere they go.

Breakfast 8:10 - 8:25

Lunch

11:10 - 11:35 K

11:15 - 11:35 6th

11:20 - 11:40 1st

11:25 - 11:45 5th

11:35 - 11:55 4th & AIM

11:40 - 12:00 2nd

11:45 - 12:05 3rd

Recess

11:35 - 11:55 K

11:35 - 11:55 6th

11:40 - 12:00 1st

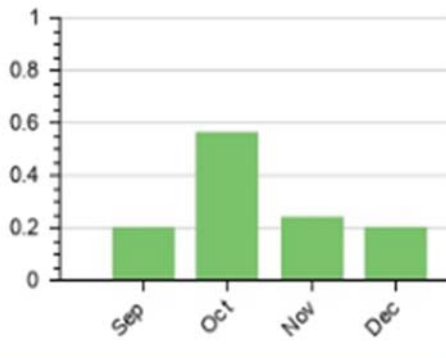
11:45 - 12:05 5th

11:15 - 11:35 4th & AIM

11:20 - 11:40 2nd

11:25 - 11:45 3rd

PR.I.DE. (Positive Respect, Integrity, Dedicated Effort) PBIS Data



During the month of December our average office referrals per day went down again to about 1 referral every 3 days. We hosted our winter holiday dance as a zero referral reward. We continue to support students in their behavior by incorporating PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) techniques into our staff meetings. We also developed a pilot program for iBIP's or Individualized Behavior Intervention Plans. Students with chronically disruptive behavior are identified for the program which helps to identify "the why" behind their acting out. Parents with students on an iBIP receive a weekly behavior report card. Working as a team we can continue to grow our culture of on task student behavior.



March is Reading Month Change

In the past our school has celebrated March is Reading Month. Over the last few years the state of Michigan Department of Education has been leading a charge to improve Michigan's students' literacy. A recent NAEP study ranked Michigan as one of the lowest achieving states in the area of literacy. Part of the efforts around improving literacy is a push to make literacy a year long focus instead of one month. Please note our students are expected to read at home EVERY week of school for 15-20 minutes. We have students complete parent reading logs as part of the take home reading program from October to June.

This year, we will be changing the way we celebrate literacy. In place of March is Reading month, we will have literacy focused events during the school year. This December, we hosted an author visit, in late winter we will have our Bedtime Story Pancakes in Pajamas event, and this Summer we will be hosting the Bee a Summer Reader Program. Students will have the expectation of reading 1000 pages. To cheer and encourage our students to read, staff members will be present at Summer Book Check-Ins. Developing a love for reading is the MOST important W.I.G. I have for our students and my own kids. As an avid reader myself, reading has been the pathway to my personal growth, and I want to grow our kids' motivation to read.

Coming Up

Mar:

- 10th Bagel Day
- 10th 6th Grade @ Wayne State
- 11th Kindergarten Open House (Registration)

Apr:

- 6th-10th No School Spring Break
- 17th Daddy Daughter Dance
- 21st Bagel Day

May:

- 4th Muffins with Mom
- 19th Bagel Day
- 29th 6th Grade @ Camp Copneconic
- TBD Mother/Son Event
- TBD Field Day

June:

- TBD Last Day of School