

DECEMBER 12, 2024



## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The concerts this week were so amazing. I believe they were the best we have had. I am so proud of our students and teachers and appreciate the community involvement. Thank you for all you do to make it to these events and be apart of the awesome.

Tomorrow is our final assembly of the 2024. There will be a few recitations and we will give our out student of the month awards and recognize our Girls Basketball team that placed second in our league. We will also have a special holiday treat at then end of the assembly.

Next week will have several activities including service projects on December 20th. Students will have the opportunity to make something for a non-profit organization or in the case of first grade host a breakfast for first responders in order to learn about service. Our middle school students visit various assisted living centers and nursing homes, where they will sing carols and engage with residents, spreading joy during this festive season. Our aim for these projects is to show how dedicating time to service can have a positive effect on our community. While our K-5 initiatives typically focus on in-house projects, we want our Middle School students to gain the enriching experience of serving off-campus. This tradition for our school started the founding year and instead of Winter Parties we have always done service on this day. In a time when students attend many holiday parties and activities and receive several gifts, we thought it was essential to teach about service.

We have had a wonderful semester and the joy that this time of years brings is something quite special.

# CALENDAR CORNER

<b>Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1 (Holiday Sweaters)</b>	<b>December 13</b>
<b>K-8 Assembly (2nd, 3rd, and 7th Grade Recitations)</b>	<b>December 13</b> 8:00 am, Gym
<b>PACS Meeting</b>	<b>December 13</b> 9:00 am, Grammar School Commons
<b>6 Days of Giving to Staff (Appreciation)</b>	<b>December 13-20</b>
<b>Winter Workshop</b>	<b>December 14</b> 9:00 - 12:00
<b>High School Finals</b>	<b>December 18 - 19</b>
<b>K-8th Service Projects</b> <b>High School Finals Make-ups</b>	<b>December 20</b> Dismiss at 11:30 am
<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>December 21-January 6</b>
<b>Students return from Christmas Break</b>	<b>January 7</b>
<b>8th Grade Parent Information Night</b>	<b>January 8</b> 6:00 p.m. High School Commons
<b>National Junior Honors Society Applications Due</b>	<b>January 10</b>
<b>Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1 (Western Theme Day)</b>	<b>January 10</b>
<b>PACS Meeting</b>	<b>January 10</b> 8:00 am, Elementary Commons
<b>Middle School Boys Basketball Tryouts</b>	<b>January 14</b> 3:30-5:00 Gym



**FOCUS ON**  
*your good*  
**HABITS**  
Connection Virtues to Home and School

## Habit of Neatness and Order

To teach habits of neatness and order, you can: establish clear routines with designated places for belongings, actively demonstrate tidying up, make cleaning fun with games, start with small tasks appropriate for their age, consistently praise efforts, and explain the benefits of a clean space; essentially, setting a good example, creating a structured system, and involving them in the process while making it positive.

Key strategies:

Designate storage spaces:

- Assign specific shelves, drawers, or containers for different items to help with organization.
- "Clean as you go":
- Encourage picking up after themselves immediately after using something.

Create a cleaning schedule:

- Set daily or weekly routines for tasks like making beds, putting away toys, or wiping down surfaces.

Start small:

- Begin with simple tasks like picking up toys or putting dirty clothes in the hamper.

Positive reinforcement:

- Praise their efforts and acknowledge when they tidy up.

Make it fun:

- Play games like "clean-up race" or "tidy up time" to make cleaning more engaging.
- Lead by example:
- Demonstrate proper cleaning techniques and maintain your own neatness to set a positive model.

Explain the benefits:

- Discuss why a clean space is important for focus, productivity, and overall well-being.
- Visual reminders:
- Use charts or pictures to show what a tidy area looks like and what needs to be done.