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Dear parents/guardians,

Greetings! I hope my email finds you well. We are officially at the halfway point for the second marking period. Interims will be available via PowerSchool on Friday, December 17. Thank you to those parents who regularly monitor PowerSchool and your students' progress. If you are currently utilizing this practice, I strongly encourage you to do so. By working together, we can ensure your student has a successful second marking period.

Please take time to review the following updates and reminders. Happy Holidays!

1. **Principal's Honor Roll or Standard Honor Roll** - Let's celebrate success!! If your child earned Principal's Honor Roll or Standard Honor Roll for the first quarter, he/she is invited to an afternoon celebration on Thursday, December 16, where they will gather in the cafeteria for a snack and a time of celebration with friends. We hope to be able to invite parents to this event later in the year.
2. **Holiday Gift Cards** – If your family is donating gift cards, please place them in an envelope with your child's name on it and what you are donating. Please ask your child to drop off the envelope or cards to Mrs. O'Brien or the front desk area. We ask they drop off gift cards no later than **December 20**.
3. **Cell Phones** – Students are permitted to use their cell phones from 8-8:20 am and again during their lunch period. All other times, students are required to be off and out of sight. Please do not ask your child to text you during the school day. They are always allowed to use the front office phone should they need to contact you. When a child has their cell phone out for the first time, we will direct them to put it away and notify you. On the second occurrence, we will confiscate it until the end of the school day and notify you. On the third occurrence, we will confiscate it until a parent is able to come pick it up. Smart watches fall under the same guidelines if they are being used as anything other than a watch.

4. **COVID Exposure and Testing** – We are currently in the midst of the cold/flu season. While we understand that cold and flu symptoms mimic Covid-like symptoms, it is still important that you keep your child home and notify us immediately if your child has ONE of the following symptoms. If your child experiences any one of these symptoms while at school, they will be sent to the health room, and you will be required to come to pick them up from school. With your permission, we can provide a Covid test on-site. Should the test results come back negative, your child may return to school once their symptoms are gone. If we don't test on-site, you will need to provide a COVID test result from a doctor within 72 hours, and your child will need to be symptom-free for 24 hours or have an alternate doctor's diagnosis (ex: sinus infection). If you choose not to have your child COVID tested, then they will need to quarantine for ten days.

- Fever of 101.4 or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- New onset of headache
- Difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- NOTE: a cold (congestion, sneezing) is not on the list of symptoms, but we have seen COVID positive test results from children with these symptoms. Please consider the safety of our students and staff when you decide to send your children to school with these symptoms.

Please send all communication regarding COVID, including symptoms, concerns, test results, and quarantine, to the following five people: Mr. Jefferson at [djefferson@mycsp.org](mailto:djefferson@mycsp.org), Mrs. Shepherd at [mshepherd@mycsp.org](mailto:mshepherd@mycsp.org), Mrs. Siwicki at [jsiwicki@mycsp.org](mailto:jsiwicki@mycsp.org), Mrs. Calvert at [jcalvert@mycsp.org](mailto:jcalvert@mycsp.org) and Mrs. O'Brien at [aobrien@mycsp.org](mailto:aobrien@mycsp.org). Please do not email teachers about COVID-related information. The counselors are responsible for communicating information to the teachers.

If your child is quarantined, a grade-level teacher will check in with them daily.

The grade-level assignments are as follows:

6<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Gwinn

7<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Beazer

8<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Heyde

9<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Knott

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Layton

5. **Tardiness to School** – Students who are repeatedly late will be assigned detention. After detention, the next step is suspension from school. Students are expected to be in class and in their seats by 8:20 am to receive instruction. When they arrive late, they miss warm-ups, other instructional activities and disrupt the flow of the class. As a reminder, we take inclement weather and traffic accidents into account.

6. **No Clubs** – There will be no clubs or activity busses from **December 20-23**. Only students participating in teacher help day are permitted to stay after school.
  
7. **December 23** – Two-hour Early Dismissal for All Students and Staff – If your child is a car rider, please make sure you pick them up on time. All staff members will be leaving at 1:05 pm.

It is my wish that everyone has a joyous holiday. Please enjoy time with your family and friends. We will see you in the new year.

Cordially,

Principal Jefferson