

6th Grade News

12/12/2023

Welcome to Trimester 2! The high expectations we have for the students for both academics and behavior will continue to be in place. We will also start placing more responsibility on the students for making sure they are prepared for every class and are submitting work (especially absent work) at or above ability level and on time.

Advent is in full swing in both our classroom and the SJE school community. Every morning, Tuesday-Friday, our messenger Angel delivers a message to the entire school during morning announcements and on the main bulletin board outside of the office. Each student is asked to reflect on the daily message and write their own message of hope, peace, or joy to a classmate (Tuesday), buddy class (Wednesday), family member (Thursday), and SJE staff member (Friday). A message of hope should have come home last Thursday with your child on a lavender piece of paper. Please ask your child if this message from last week has not come home yet. Be on watch for a message of peace to come home this week Thursday.

The NJHS will be inviting all students to help the Milwaukee Street Angels, a local non-profit organization that helps meet the needs of those without homes in Milwaukee. We will be packing snack bags for the organization to deliver to the people they work with during our Prayer Pod on Monday, December 18th. **Our class has been asked to bring in a small box (10 packets) of instant breakfast drink mix packets.** As of today, only 4 families have been able to assist in this request. Our goal is to fill 161 bags (one for every SJE student). If your family will need assistance with this request, please let me know. I have a "Class Angel" who is always willing to help families in need with these types of donations. **Please send all donations to school by Friday, December 15th,** so the NJHS students can count and prepare them for the Prayer Pod the following Monday.

We are down to just two weeks until the end of 2023. Please encourage your child to stay focused all the way until Christmas vacation. We will be very busy when we return in January. The students will be taking the second round of STAR testing during the second week of January. We will also be setting goals and preparing for the second round of Parent – Student – Teacher Conferences.

Please remember that Thursday Office folders (when sent home) and Friday Folders should come back to school on Monday. Make sure you are removing all graded papers before returning the folder to school. The **students** should be setting a weekly goal for themselves (with your assistance).

Please encourage your child to work at keeping his/her NEW Honor Card clean. Remember to check your child's Honor Card regularly. It is stapled inside the front cover of his/her assignment notebook, which should come home every afternoon. It is important for your child to hear your comments and expectations before you receive contact from school because he/she received an academic or behavioral infraction.

I am blessed to have you on our team as we work together to sharpen the faith and knowledge of our sixth-grade students. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to a fantastic year as I work with you and your child.

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