

Danforth Jr. High Newsletter

Monday, January 7, 2019

Principal's Message

On Tuesday, Jan. 8th it's "welcome back" to our students, and then quickly, it's time to get back to work. Those of us in the education business are blessed to have a few extra days around the Christmas holidays and while we certainly appreciate those, we also are ready to get back to the business at hand – working with you to provide the best possible education for your child.

Day in and day out you have your child ready for school, so you already pretty much know the drill as we start this second semester. You know what works in your home to have your child prepared and ready to be successful here in our building. There are probably a few variations from family to family but typically things like plenty of sleep, healthy eating and staying on top of grades will help lead to a successful six weeks, semester and school year.

While preparation is important, so is vigilance. You already know your child is at the age where they can be bombarded with an array of negative influences. This semester they will continue to need all of us working together to help them steer clear of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. While you and I have known about the dangers of those for years, there are other threats lurking for our students including juuling and the over use of smart phones. Study after study continues to show the addictive nature of both of these relatively new products. It's a wakeup call for all of us that both juuling and excessive smart phone use have potentially devastating consequences for the health of our young people. Success in the classroom is hard enough without these, and any number of other obstacles, blocking a student's path.

You may have just looked here to take a peek at what was happening this week and then found a paragraph like the one above that seemed a little frightening. Unfortunately these junior high years do have the potential to be scary. Thankfully, Wimberley has adults who get involved and are aware of friends and influences in their children's lives. We all know involvement alone won't solve every problem a student encounters. However, when good parents, grandparents and guardians like you partner with us here at the school - we can put up a pretty good fight against the negative influences. So what do you say? You ready to get back to work Tuesday morning helping students make good choices about their grades, their health and their future? I knew you were. That's what makes Wimberley a great place to live.

Greg Howard, Principal

In the next few days

Thursday, Jan. 10th

Basketball Boys at Bandera, Girls at Home

7th A & 8th B begin at 5 pm;

8th A & 7th at the conclusion of the 5 pm games

Saturday, Jan. 12th

Boys Basketball – Wimberley A Team Tournament