

DRIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The end of the first ten weeks is an excellent time to reflect on how your child is doing so far this year. Please have a conversation with your child and discuss if he/she is feeling good about his/her progress and set some goals and action steps for the second ten weeks. In our experience, one thing that often gets in the way of success is not completing homework. It is important to stay on top of work outside of the classroom as it gives students the practice they need to improve their skills and comprehension. Setting up a time and space for students to complete their homework is a good strategy. Another strategy is to check student agendas at night to see what work is assigned.

Other points to communicate:

- ✓ Now that the colder weather is heading our way, when weather permits, students in grades 5-6 will go outside for recess if they have proper clothing. Students should have boots, coats, hats and gloves.
- ✓ Students in grades 7-8 who are failing two or more courses are considered on academic probation. If the student is participating in any extra-curricular activities/athletics he/she is required to complete an academic probation sheet every Friday which shows he/she is completing homework/classwork, participating appropriately, getting to class on time and seeking help from the teacher. If a student is not meeting these expectations, they are not eligible to participate. Academic Probation sheets may be obtained in the office.
- ✓ Students in 7th and 8th grade are doing a pretty good job managing their Chromebook whether carrying them home or not. Just a reminder, students should have their Chromebook with them every day. If a Chromebook is damaged or missing, it should be reported to their teacher right away.
- ✓ Visit the Middle School website occasionally for information regarding upcoming events and pertinent announcements. We also try to do a new video every two to three weeks.

We hope you have had a great 10 weeks and are ready to begin a new quarter! Please feel free to contact us in the office if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet O'Mara".

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Sharlow".

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