

We are now back from Winter Break and the 2nd semester of school will begin on Jan 13. There is a lot going on at GMS and it is important to check the schedules and follow the updates that are shared on Class Dojo. Basketball season is entering the 2nd half of their season. Volleyball season is starting with games the first week of January. 8th grade will begin the preparations for graduation as well as planning for next year at PCHS.

We look forward to the 2nd semester of the school year and all the amazing things that we have going on.

The 3rd quarter skill focus for PBIS is attendance and tardiness. There is so much evidence that demonstrates the significance of daily attendance.

5 KEY FINDINGS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. Middle grade attendance and GPA provide the best indication of how students will perform in high school classes
2. Students who are chronically absent or receiving Fs in the middle grades are at very high risk of being off-track for graduation in ninth grade, and eventually dropping out of school
3. College readiness depends on very strong grades in middle school, as well as high school.
4. Improving grades and attendance in the middle grades can have a large pay-off for high school success; even more so than improving test scores.
5. High school selection matters for whether students graduate and earn the credentials needed for college.

As always, if there are any questions please contact the office and we will do our best to assist you. Thank you for trusting us with your child(ren) and I look forward to building strong relationships with the GMS families and the community that we serve.

Mr. Tom Brown, Principal