

# Priest River Junior High Newsletter

December 2017

## KUDOS

- Kudos to all the students for their continued hard work and effort.
- Congratulations to all the students that received an award for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.

## TIPS FOR PARENTS

With children being out of school for 2 long weeks, here is a link to an article from the Washington Post about making it through the holidays:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/on-parenting/tips-to-get-your-kids-through-the-holidays-graciously-and-gratefully/2014/11/11/65899c74-639d-11e4-836c-83bc4f26eb67\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.060702cdcf69](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/on-parenting/tips-to-get-your-kids-through-the-holidays-graciously-and-gratefully/2014/11/11/65899c74-639d-11e4-836c-83bc4f26eb67_story.html?utm_term=.060702cdcf69)

- ◆ School day
- ◆ Our day begins at 7:45 a.m.
- ◆ Tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m.
- ◆ Students have free breakfast every morning in their classrooms.
- ◆ School gets out at 2:35p.m.

## Principal's News

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the holiday break. Time sure has gone by quickly.

When we head back to school after a much-needed break, we will dive right back into the learning that will continue to take place throughout the school year.

Please reiterate the importance of your child's grades. Semester grades are the ones that we monitor when looking at sending students on to the next grade level. In order to move on to the next grade students must pass at least 10 of their classes, and they may not fail the same class two semesters in a row.

With this information in mind, we have met with any student that failed a first quarter class to remind them of the importance of maintaining their grades. We will also be meeting with parents and students for any child that is failing one or more classes at the end of semester.

Students also need to keep in mind that

if they fail a semester class they take the chance of being placed into a credit recovery class in addition to the classes they are already responsible for.

On another note, we will be offering an Advanced Opportunities informational night for both parents and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m. in the Junior High Library.

Advanced Opportunities classes are classes that are taken in addition to a student's regular classes. They are offered through Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA), and are funded through the state. Students have the opportunity to eventually earn college credits while still in high school, and are able to graduate high school with both their diploma and up to a two-year college degree.

Please join us if this is something you would like more information on.

### WBCSD Mission Statement

Success for all with the

Understanding that

Community, parents, students, and educators will

Empower the

Student to make positive lifelong choices.

Strive for Greatness!

### Vision Statement

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**UPCOMING EVENTS****December 2017**

18<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: Winter Break – No School

20<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting 6:00p.m.

**January 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Back to School

2<sup>nd</sup>: Basketball Practice Starts – Schedule to Come

9<sup>th</sup>: Advanced Opportunities Informational Night 5:30p.m. in the PRJH Library

15<sup>th</sup>: MLK Day – No School

17<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting 6:00p.m.

18<sup>th</sup>: PTO – 3:00p.m. – Library

25<sup>th</sup>: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

26<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Work Day – No School for Students

***We need PTO members! Please join us at the next PTO meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. to see how you can be part of this group.***

**Yearbooks will be on sale starting November 13<sup>th</sup>. They will be \$25 until January 31<sup>st</sup>, and then the price will increase to \$30. See Mrs. Anselmo to purchase yours!**

**To order yours online go to: [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)**

**Ordering code: 12302918**

**Counselor's Corner**

Ms. Bridges will be presenting a Growth Mindset video to kick off a Career Unit for all seventh graders. This is a time for students to be able to explore the many possibilities of what is available and what training is required for a career of their choosing.

Our character trait for December is "Caring and Empathy." PRJH students and staff commit to the following:

1. Show empathy for those that need it. This may include showing empathy for those that have made a poor choice.
2. Caring for all of those that are part of our school community, and our Priest River community as a whole.
3. Caring for and supporting others that are going through any kind of struggle.

**PRJH Classrooms**

- Keyboarding classes are continuing to practice formatting personal business letters and business letters. While formatting, students continue to focus on speed and accuracy.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade World History students are learning about the North and South American medieval cultures. They will be completing a compare essay about the Aztec and Mayan civilizations located in Central America.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Geography students are in the middle of learning about Europe right now. Some students have taken their European Internet test and some still need to take the test. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also be completing an essay about the challenges that Europe, Russia, and the United States face today.
  - PE classes are finishing up with Badminton and then will be moving on to Pickleball after the break. They are also lifting weights and doing fitness testing.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade science students are learning about mitosis.
  - Exploratory students are learning about the court system and creating gingerbread houses.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts students will be reading the play, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens.
- Ms. Sullin's language arts students are working on citing evidence from a text and how to write a correct response when given a prompt.
  - Mr. Martin's classes are getting ready to complete The Wizard of Oz one period, and The Illiad and the Odyssey in another period. Another reading group is reading short stories related to different science and history topics for the comprehension connection.
  - Algebra students are learning about functions.
  - Pre-Algebra students in Ms. Sullin's classes are working on solving equations with variables on both sides, as well as reviewing fractions and percents.
  - General math students are learning about how percentages, decimals, and fractions are similar.
  - Paced math students are learning about solving equations.
  - Choir and Band students are wrapping up all of their Christmas concerts.

***All of us at Priest River Junior High wish our students and their families a Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!***