

Principal Good News

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November 2021

1ST TRIMESTER FINAL GRADE REPORT

The 1st trimester of the 2021-2022 school year ends on November 3, 2021. The final grades for the 1st trimester will be posted in PowerSchool at the end of the school day on November 11. If you have any questions regarding your child's grades, always feel free to contact any of his or her teachers anytime.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Worth Junior High School's 2021 Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 22, 2021. Parents will have the option to participate either virtually or in-person. More information regarding how to sign up for parent teacher conferences will be shared with parents/guardians shortly.

ADVISORY UPDATES

During the month of November, Worth Junior High School's Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Program will focus on standing up for each other, staying safe, and emotions. Students will learn about and reflect on the importance of standing up against bullying and harassment in order to ensure our school community is a safe place for everyone. Students will also learn about the different types of emotions and how to manage emotions in a successful manner now and in their futures.

In addition, Worth Junior High School's students have also started an all school book read which will take place during advisory. The book students will be reading as a school is *How to Speak Dolphin* by Ginny Rorby. *How to Speak Dolphin* is a story about a girl's struggle to help her autistic brother and herself.

Please be sure to take the time to talk to your children about the relevant topics being covered in advisory during the month of November in order to help us ensure they learn the important social-emotional lessons that will help them learn and grow successfully as middle school students. Feel free to contact Mr. Tooth and/or Dr. Zampillo if you have any questions about the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Program and any other aspect of Worth Junior High School's advisory program.

TARDY TO SCHOOL

We have recently seen a trend where a number of our students have been arriving to school tardy daily just after the 1st period bell rings at 8:20 a.m. When students arrive late to school they are missing part of the essential beginning of the school day routines and instruction that take place during 1st period. We ask that all of our families please ensure that our students arrive at school on time. Students are able to enter the building starting at 8:05 a.m. daily. Thank you in advance and feel free to reach out to Dr. Zampillo or Mr. Tooth if you have any questions.

FASTBRIDGES READING AND MATH ASSESSMENTS

In order to help our teachers obtain the data they need to best meet the needs of our students, Worth Junior High School will be administering the FastBridges Reading and Math Assessments during the month of November.

You can help your child do his or her best on these assessments when they are giving by:

- 1. Ensuring your student is in attendance on the testing days.
- 2. Making sure your child gets enough sleep each night.
- 3. Providing a healthy breakfast and lunch on testing days.
- 4. Remind your child to ask his/her teacher questions if the directions are not clear.
- 5. Keep a positive attitude about the test. Encourage them to do their best!

More information will be provided soon regarding the dates when students will be taking the FastBridges Reading and Math assessments.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retakes will be held on Friday, November 19. We will be sending out more information regarding school picture retakes soon.