

## **Walnut Creek Learning Community,**

We have had another fantastic week at Creek!

This week, our announcements have focused on the appropriate use of technology both in school and at home.

As a reminder, we are a cell phone-free school. Cell phones must remain secured in lockers throughout the day and are not permitted in class. If a student is found with a cell phone, it will be confiscated, and parents will need to pick it up from the main office.

We are also encouraging our students to find alternatives to technology when they feel bored. Activities like reading a book or engaging in conversations with family and friends can be more enriching than turning to their devices. As parents (and I'm as guilty as anyone!) it is important that we model this as well.

Additionally, I want to remind parents that middle school students should not be using social media. Please monitor your child's internet and cell phone usage closely. Social media platforms like Snapchat, Instagram, and Facebook have been linked to increased anxiety and depression among youth. It is important for our community to work together to keep our children away from these harmful influences. As parents, our kids will often tell us that they are the "only one" not allowed on social media - this is not true - and the more parents that restrict access to social media the easier it is for all parents to place similar restrictions that are best for their kids.

Thank you for your continued support!

### **NEW INFO In this week's edition:**

- **Week Ahead Event Schedule**
- **Spirit Basketball Game - December 11th**

### **Week Ahead Event Schedule - NEW INFO**

**Monday, December 9th**

- **Basketball Away Vs. Mason MS**

**Wednesday, December 11th**

- **Basketball Home Vs. Oak Valley - Spirit Game**

### **Spirit Basketball Game - NEW INFO**

Student Council is excited to announce that our second Spirit Game will take place on Wednesday, December 11 at 4PM for our Boys Basketball game. Don't forget to wear your Creek Gear or red and black attire! Student Council will also be hosting a pizza party before the game for those students who would like to attend the game and stay after school. Pizza and drinks will be sold for \$1 each and sign-ups for staying after school for the game will be available at lunch on Tuesday, December 10. **Students are REQUIRED to sign up to stay after school for the Pizza Party!**

### **Winter Gear Drive and Toy Drive - Previously Communicated**

This December we're going to have a winter gear drive! That means that during the drive, you can donate any winter gear like coats, snow pants, boots, etc., whether they are gently used or new. The drive will take place from December 2nd to December 13th during your 4th hour. All of the donations will go to Grace Centers of Hope. The 4th hour classroom with the most donations by the end of the drive will be rewarded.

NJHS will be running a toy drive from December 2-13. Please drop new or very gently used toys in your 6th hour class. All donations will go to Toys for Tots. The winning 6th hour will get a pizza party!

### **Free Math Tutoring - Previously Communicated**

We are excited to once again offer free math tutoring to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Walnut Creek. Creek will offer tutoring on the following dates:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Thursday, 3 – 3:45 in Room 225 with Mrs. Del Pup

7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Wednesday, 3 – 3:45 in Room 112 with Mrs. Ernst

6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Tuesday, 3 – 3:45 in Room 202 with Ms. Bristow

## **Morning Announcement Script - Previously Communicated**

Each morning, we start our school day with morning announcements. After we recite the pledge of allegiance, announce birthdays, and make other reminder announcements, Mr. Taboh reads a morning message to students. To see Mr. Taboh's morning message, you can always check the document linked below which is updated weekly:

[Morning Announcements Script](#)

Be well,

Seth Taboh  
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Walnut Creek Middle School