Alexandria Township School District

Our mission is to build the academic, social/emotional and physical foundation our students need to thrive in high school and beyond.

Alexandria Twp School

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Dear ATS Parents and Guardians,

With Thanksgiving so late, Winter Break is right around the corner and December has started off quickly. Our 8th grade students headed over to Del Val yesterday for orientation. It is hard to believe but these students are already beginning to plan for next year. There is also a parent orientation tonight night at 6:30. This event will provide an overview of the various academies offered at Del Val.

The buzz was in the air last week about the drama production for this year. With clues being provided to students about what the musical would be, it was finally announced on Wednesday, November 27th. This year's musical production will be Moana Jr. As you can imagine the staff is excited to get underway with auditions, so 5th - 8th grade students, please keep an eye out for information from Ms. Grossmann.

The first trimester has come to an end. We hope that the year has gotten off to a good start. Grades will be released next Monday via genesis, though you can see your child's current grade by logging into Genesis. Please remember that grades are now earned in 5th grade as well this year. If you have a student in 5th grade, please note that the report card is no longer standards based.

We will also be reaching out if your child is currently chronically absent. As noted in the beginning of the year, we have been dealing with chronic absenteeism for the past few years. At this point of the year, if your child has missed 10% of days they have been enrolled, they are considered chronically absent. If this is the case, we will reach out and work together to create a plan to assure your child is present for learning. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

We are looking forward to a lot of great events this month which would not be possible without your support. The PTO is sponsoring their annual Holiday Shop and on Thursday, December 5th will be the first Parents' Night Out. We will also be hosting Candy Cane Lane on Friday, December 13th, in the ATS parking lot. Our Winter Concert is scheduled for December 17th, 4th - 6th Grade Winter Party and 7th & 8th Grade Formal are scheduled for Thursday, December 19th. Finally, please note that Friday, December 20th is an early dismissal.

As temperatures begin to get colder we may restrict students who are not dressed properly for recess. While we will make every effort to get students outside during the winter months, if the windchill is below 35 degrees, we will hold students inside who do not have proper attire. Please

remind students to come to school with either a winter coat or sweatshirt during these winter months. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please check out the ATS Virtual Backpack. This is located on the website and provides a place where school and community announcements are kept. Please use this as your reference for different community events.

Finally, I would like to recognize our Teacher and Educational Support Specialist of the Year. We brought this back last year, and it is great to provide staff, students and families with the opportunity to nominate these professionals who have had a positive impact on the students and school community. This year we are excited to congratulate:

Teacher of the Year

Julianne Romanella

Educational Support Specialist

Whitney Reynolds

Both Mrs. Romanella and Ms. Reynolds are great examples of the dedicated staff we have at ATS. Congratulations to these two professionals along with the other staff members who received nominations.

Again, thank you so much for your continued support and we hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Kevin McPeek
Administrative Principal
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Dates To Note

December 2nd:	**Trimester 2 Begins**
December 3rd - 5th:	**PTO Holiday Shop**
December 4th:	**Boys Basketball vs Franklin (A and B)**
December 4th:	**Girls Basketball @ Franklin (A only)**
December 5th:	**PTO Parents Night Out**
December 9th - 13th:	**Startlab at ATS**
December 9th:	**Boys Basketball vs Califon (A and B)**
December 9th:	**Girls Basketball @ Califon (A and B)**
December 12th:	**BOE Meeting**

December 17th:	**Winter Concert at ATS**
December 18th:	**Boys Basketball @ Delaware (A and B)**
December 18th:	**Girls Basketball vs Delaware (A and B)**
December 19th:	**4th-6th Grade Winter Party @ ATS from 3:45-5:00**
December 19th:	**7th & 8th Grade Winter Formal @ Razberry's**
December 20th:	**Early Dismissal**
Dec 23rd - Jan 1st:	**Winter Break - School Closed**