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 Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful winter break and 2026 is off to a great start.

We had a lot to celebrate in December and I would first like to congratulate our band and chorus members on their performances during the Winter Concert. Whether it were soloists, duets, sections of the band or the entire band and chorus; everyone sounded and looked great. Once again, our talented students and staff demonstrated why our programs receive the recognition they have. Great Job!

Congratulations to our Select Enrichment students in grades 5–8 on a fantastic TREP$ Marketplace! Through weeks of planning, creating, and problem-solving, students turned their ideas into real businesses and proudly shared them with our school community. On Friday, December 19th, the Marketplace was buzzing as families and classmates browsed student-run shops selling everything from keychains and candles to body scrubs, books, playing cards, and more. It was wonderful to see students confidently talk about their products, manage sales, and celebrate the results of their hard work. This event truly showcased their creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit. It was a job well done by all involved.

As you probably are aware, we have been dealing with higher than usual cases of flu and strep throat. If your child is diagnosed with one of these and will be missing school please contact the school nurse to make her aware. Thank you for your cooperation.

On January 12th and 13th, we will be administering our midyear Map Growth assessment. We are hoping to have make-ups completed by January 17th so results can be sent home via the Genesis portal the following week. Please speak with your children about doing their best on these assessments. Obviously, we want to see the growth the students have made since September but we also use this data to inform instruction and support student learning. We want this to be the most accurate reflection of how the students can perform in these content areas. Thank you for reinforcing this at home.

Also, beginning January 12th will be the Drama Club Auditions. Please make sure your children review the schedule and if they have any questions please reach out to Ms. Grossmann.

8th Grade, keep your eyes open for information which will be coming out shortly regarding the Washington D.C. trip. This info will include a lot of information regarding important dates and reminders. April will be here before we know it.

January is a pretty quiet month and the only day we are closed is the 19th for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Obviously weather can also pose a problem and we will work hard to get the message out to families as early as possible so you can plan accordingly should school need to be closed or delayed.

Our counselors at ATS would like to share information about a tip line they developed in collaboration with our School Climate Team. The purpose of the School Climate Team is to address issues that impact our school climate and to maintain open dialogue about ways we can continue to improve our school environment. One initiative that grew from this work is our Tiger/Cub Buddy Program, which brings the entire school together a few times throughout the year for activities designed to build connections across grade levels. The counselor tip line was another idea generated by the team and is intended to provide students in grades 4–8 with an easy and accessible way to reach out for support when needed. Please feel free to explore this resource on our website under "For Students" and then "Counselor Tipline."

Del Val has a lot going on and some pertains to our students. To that end they have put a newsletter together to help our middle school students stay engaged with the high school. Please check out **Terrier Tracks Newsletter For Middle School Families** to keep up to date on all the goingson at the high school. There is also a link to the newsletter on the school website under “News.”

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a great start to 2026!

Thank you,

Kevin McPeek
Administrative Principal

Important January Dates

January 8	**Del Val Freshman Quest for any 8th grade student- 6pm at Del Val**
January 9 & 23	**Ski Club**
January 12 & 13	**Drama Club Auditions**
January 15	**4th Grade Beginner Band Concert at 6:30**
January 19	**School Closed**
January 20	**Drama Club Full Cast Rehearsal**
January 22	**BOE Meeting**
January 30	**PTO Sweetheart Dance**