

Good Afternoon:

I know our students were very excited to be off this afternoon. They shared with me that they were looking forward to spending some extra time with you, their grandparents, with friends doing all kinds of fun activities (sleepovers, gaming, birthday parties, and lots more). We can hardly believe we are halfway through the school year as of today. Our second semester starts on Monday. Below find some information for events and opportunities coming up at Oakwood:

#### **Attendance & Tardies**

With the beginning of the second semester, comes a great opportunity for us to work at growing our students in the area of responsibility. Last week a couple of community business partners came in and shared with our 4th graders about the importance of punctuality. Our focus for the next couple of weeks will be to strongly encourage our students, both those riding the bus or being dropped off here at school, to be in their seats in their classrooms at the start of our school day, which is 8:28am.

Our doors at Oakwood open at 8:18am and our school day begins at 8:28am. If you transport your child to school in the morning, and especially if they enjoy breakfast with us, we would encourage you to bring them as close to 8:18 as possible. This allows the students to unpack, put their supplies away, talk with their teacher and friends, get their breakfast (if applicable) and eat it prior to 8:28am and be ready to start their day.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to help our students be responsible and ready to learn at the beginning of our school day.

#### **Report Cards**

Today our teaching staff is finishing up their work on accurately capturing your child's status academically, in reference to our 3Rs, and how they are progressing in our AMP (Art, Music, PE) classes as well. Watch for report cards to come home with your child on Tuesday, January 24.

#### **Girls On the Run Registration**

Over the years, Allendale students have benefited from the Girls On The Run (GOTR) program. Students who participate in the program have an opportunity to enjoy running and will also learn some valuable lessons from their coaches along the way. A flier with more information about the program and registration is attached.

#### **PTO Sponsored Sweetheart Dance ~ A Night In Paris**

The PTO is excited to offer its annual Sweetheart Dance (Dads and Daughters). It will be held on Saturday, February 18 at the Allendale High School Gym (Note location change), from 6-8pm. Attached is a flier for the dance.

- The PTO is seeking volunteers to help with the event. You can view their list of volunteer needs [here](#).
- An Amazon wishlist for decorations for the dance has also been created by the PTO. If you are interested in making a donation, you can find the Amazon wish list [here](#).

#### **White Out Cancer Varsity Basketball**

AHS Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball is hosting Coopersville on February 17th to WHITE OUT CANCER! If you're interested in purchasing a t-shirt to support the cause, you can [find them here](#). The deadline to order is February 10th!

#### **Upcoming Events**

- January 31 - Oakwood Talent Show - 7:00pm - Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- February 6 & 9 - Family Skating Night 6:30 to 8:30 pm - Tarry Hall
- February 14 & 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:30-3:30 & 5:00-8:30pm; ½ days
- February 17 - No school

As always, please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great weekend!

Proud to be Your Child's Principal,  
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