



MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

English Station Middle School
September 2016

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September 9
**Student Council Sponsored \$1.00
Jeans Day!**

September 11
**8th Grade Washington, D.C.
Deposit Due to American
Christian Tours**

September 12
**Parents able to view Quarter 1
Progress Report Grades on-line in
Canvas**

September 13
**MS Kick Off Cookout, 5:30 p.m. –
7:30 p.m., Mixed Carpool Circle**

September 21
**MS Conference Day/No School for
Students**

September 23
**Senior Carnival, "Free" Jeans
Day!**

September 27
**Middle School Picture Re-Take
Day**

September 30
**Student Council Sponsored \$1.00
Jeans Day!**

WELCOME!

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our returning families! Our mission is clear:

To develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in Wisdom, Stature and in Favor with God and men. (Luke 2:52)

I hope you will join us in this mission! You have entrusted us with the special gift of your child and we need your help. Each month we send out a monthly newsletter. These newsletters will offer practical ideas to improve school success, strengthen faith and develop a better understanding of how to navigate these precious middle school years.

I am excited to report that the 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start! The first two weeks were incredibly smooth with students engaged in learning on day one. Your child has experienced the following:

- Connect groups each morning (accountability and devotional groups)
- Chapel where students hear the word of God (studying through the book of Mark)
- Challenging opportunities in all classes (high rigor and high relevance)
- Students actively engaged (students are always the primary talkers, thinkers and doers)
- Biblical Integration (connecting Biblical truth to content)

We appreciate the opportunity you give us to help your child grow, not only academically, but spiritually as well. It is a commitment we do not take lightly.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 will be our Middle School Kick Off Cookout! We hope you can make it! Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns.

---Larry A. Wooldridge, MS/HS Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL KICK OFF COOKOUT

The 11th Annual Middle School Kick Off Cookout will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the mixed carpool circle.** This is a wonderful opportunity to

fellowship with other families and to establish friendships. The Middle School will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and paper products. Families are asked to bring the following: drinks for their family, chairs or blankets for their family, and a dish to share. Families with the last name A-M are asked to bring a side dish and families with the last name N-Z a dessert. There will be several inflatables and facing painting for families to enjoy, so be sure to join us!

---Melissa Patrick, Middle School Counselor

CONFERENCE DAY!

We are scheduling conferences now for **Wednesday, September 21.** Unlike conferences in elementary school, please know that we are unable to schedule a conference for every student on this date. **Conferences are scheduled by priority, based on greatest concern and teacher availability.** If you have a conference scheduled, please remember to be on time and come to the middle school office to check in first. This is a very busy day for the teachers due to having conferences scheduled back to back. If you would like to schedule a conference, please call the Middle School Office at (502) 244-3225 and ask to speak with Mrs. Novicki, Middle School Receptionist. If she is unable to provide a conference for you on September 21, she will work with you to determine a later date and time that fits your needs.

---Larry A. Wooldridge, MS/HS Principal

WELCOME DR. KAREN ESTEP!!

I am married to Dr. James Estep, Professor of Christian Education at Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, Illinois. We have three young adult children whom were adopted. Our oldest son, Budd Estep, is a corrections officer at Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Illinois, where he and his wife Kara live with our first grandson. Our daughter, Dovie Estep-Hacker is a co-manager at ULTA Beauty and she lives with her husband Joe and our second grandson in Springfield, Illinois. Our youngest son, Dylan, recently moved with us to Kentucky, and will be working with Amazon in Lexington. As an educator, I have taught in both public schools and private Christian schools in Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, and Illinois. My experience is broad in that I have worked in grades K-12th, teaching secondary vocal and instrumental music, teaching 8th and 9th grade Bible, middle school exploratory classes, and serving as a principal and head of school, training teachers in higher education, and building international partnerships with educators throughout China. I studied K-12 Music at Truman State University, Biblical Studies and Music Ministry at Cincinnati Christian University, and K-12 Educational Administration at Michigan State University. My passion is secondary students, but in reality, I love and enjoy working with anyone that wants to learn. Finally, I am called to Christian schooling and my life has been a journey that is evident of this call. I am blessed to be working at CASS and CAL.

---Dr. Karen Estep, MS/HS Assistant Principal

ACADEMIC SUCCESS TIP:

www.understood.org has a wealth of helpful information for parents about understanding learning and attention issues. Throughout the year, this section of the newsletter will feature interesting articles from this website. The first article "**How Can I Help My Child with ADHD Make the Adjustment to Middle School? By Roy Boorady (Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Child Mind Institute)**" mentions an "organization coach". We have Daily Accountability Program Coaches in the middle school ready to assist students who struggle with recording, completing, and turning in homework. Does your child need further support in this area? If so, you can reach me at sevans@caschools.us.

---Susan Evans, Academic Support Teacher & Supervisor

REMINDERS

- **Progress Reports: On Monday, September 12**, we will have grades entered, updated, and verified so that you can log onto **Canvas** and see your student's mid-quarter grades. Please direct any questions you may have to your child's teachers.
- The Middle School Office will close every **Wednesday from 9:40 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.** to attend Middle School Chapel. If your student arrives late during these times, please have them go to the front door of the school and sign in and then go to Chapel. After Chapel, your student will need to report to the Middle School Office and sign in also so that we are aware they are here. If you need your student dismissed during Chapel hours, please contact the middle school office **in advance** so they can get your student **BEFORE** they go to the Chapel. Otherwise, you will need to report directly to the auditorium if you need them dismissed during Chapel hours.
- If a student needs to be dismissed early, please contact the Middle School Office in advance. You may have your student bring the office a note, e-mail the Middle School Receptionist, Kim Novicki at knovicki@caschools.us or call (502) 244-3225, extension 1034.
- If a student is being dismissed early **to leave with someone other than their parent**, a note from the parent giving permission must be submitted to the Middle School Office before the student will be allowed to leave.
- If a student is walking home, a Walker Permission Form needs to be completed in advance. This form can be picked up in the Middle School Office and can be sent home with the student for the parents to complete.



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