



MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

English Station Middle School
December 2017

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

November 27 – December 13
**Christmas Baskets Silent
Auction!**

December 8
**Student Council Sponsored
\$1.00 Jeans/\$2.00 CAL ONLY
Hoodie Day!**

December 8
**8th Grade Missions Class Field
Trip to Louisville Rescue
Mission, 9 a.m.–1:45 p.m.**

December 11
**5th/6th Grade Band/Orchestra
Concert, English Station
Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.**

December 12
FCA, Blue Gym, 7:30 a.m.

December 14 (Chapel Day)
**Student Council Sponsored
\$2.00 Jeans or CAL Hoodie
Day!**

December 19
**"FREE" Jeans Day. Students
may wear predominately red
or green shirts, Christmas
shirts or sweaters, and/or
Christmas hats.**

December 19
End of Quarter 2/Semester 1

December 20 – January 3
Christmas Break!

January 4
Quarter 3 Begins!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It feels so good to say that out loud! Coming from the public schools where you have to say Happy Holidays, it feels so much better saying Merry Christmas (there, I said it again). I was sharing with the staff the other day how fast time flies by. While reflecting on my daughter's wedding that occurred November 25th, I was struck by that very thought – my how time flies! Watching my daughter and my grandson made me think about all the times I was just too tired to play – or to go to a game – a band concert – you name it – I probably missed it. Time goes by too fast. We are told to live EACH day to its fullest and not worry about tomorrow. It's that EACH day – actually EACH moment that has me thinking. During this Christmas season, take advantage of EVERY moment you are given. Spend this Christmas not worrying about gifts and such – things that will fade/tarnish/disappear, but focus on HIM – your family – and your friends. I am so thankful that our great God is a God of second/third/and in some cases fourth changes. The reason for the season is truly – Jesus! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!! Because at CALMS – it's what we do!!

---Bryce Hibbard, MS Principal

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity in giving to Operation Christmas Child this year! We collected **354** shoeboxes! This was on top of several other giving opportunities going on throughout the end of October and November. It is clear that you are reflecting the generosity that God has shown us in sending Jesus!

I also wanted to make you aware of our **Middle School Mission Trip, scheduled for June 4-8, 2018**. You will be receiving more information about this trip at the beginning of January and the \$100.00 deposit will be due at the end of January. For now, know that we are scheduled to go to Nashville, Tennessee to Belmont University. I am excited about the many missions/service opportunities our students will have at this location. The trip is open to all **7th/8th grade** students and we love for parents to chaperone! The total cost for the trip is \$350.00 per person. Please be in prayer about this trip and how your student should be involved.

Merry Christmas!

---Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR CHILD'S GRADE LEVEL?

6TH GRADE

We have a few short weeks to teach the students much information! In math, we will be continuing our geometry unit and instead of a test, the students will complete a project – Geotown! The students have always enjoyed this project in years' past. In science, we are studying ecology and the environment and will finish up this short unit before Christmas break. In Language Arts and Literature, students will be reading and analyzing many forms of poetry, as well as, using literary devices to write poetry of their own. In World History, students will be exploring the ancient civilizations of the Indus River Valley. In Bible, the students are learning how the Israelites fled Egypt and how God is preparing them for the Promised Land. In each class, this is such a wonderful time to discuss Jesus' birth and our need for Him. We wish you a wonderful Christmas filled with God's love and hope!

7TH GRADE

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We are praying for your families and hope you are able to enjoy the time leading up to the birth of our Savior. The Language Arts and Literature classes are reading the play "A Christmas Carol" and learning about Christmas in Victorian England. The Geography classes are studying the countries in Eastern Europe and Russia. Ms. Reid's Math classes have been discussing careers that use mathematics and have been blessed to have several guest speakers come and explain their careers. Finally, below you will find a letter from Mr. Daniels explaining what the 7th Grade Science classes are studying. Mr. Daniels also included some helpful materials you might want to use to discuss human reproduction and God's plan for marriage and families with your child.

Dear 7th Grade Science Parent,

I wanted to make you aware that the past week and until Christmas break, we will be discussing heredity and the production of sperm and eggs in science class. This is about as far as we go into sexual reproduction, but it does raise a lot of questions and curiosity among students. After Thanksgiving, we will also be discussing the Human Body. Lesson 6 of the Human Body is all about the Reproductive System and contains all the anatomical diagrams. This will raise more questions.

As this is an important discussion that Christian parents need to have with their sons and daughters, I want to recommend Passport2Purity from Dennis Rainey for that very important discussion. These resources are highly recommended by other parents and teachers who have used them in the past with their children. It is available on Amazon ([click here](#)) and many Christian bookstores.

I am praying that these resources will be helpful to you in one of the oldest and most important God-ordained ministries of parent and child.

In Christ,

Paul Daniels

8TH GRADE

The Eighth Grade Teachers would like to remind you of the CAL policy on dress code. Christmas break is a great time to make necessary adjustments or additions so that your student is ready to succeed in the New Year!

Boys:

-Shirts must be long enough to be tucked into pants. Please replace any shirts that are too short. This includes dress shirts worn on Chapel Day.

-Belts must be worn at all times. Please ensure that your student has a belt that will last him throughout the remainder of the school year.

Girls:

-Skirts must come all the way to the top of the knee when standing up straight. Please see that any hems are let out that are too short or simply replace the skirt with a larger one. Please remind your young lady how to sit properly when wearing a skirt as well – even if wearing shorts underneath.

-Shirts should be long enough to cover the midriff and lower back when leaning forward or backward. Please replace any shirts that are too small.

Thank you for your attention to these items. We look forward to seeing your student succeed in the upcoming year!



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