Dear Academy Families,

Welcome to 2016! I trust your holidays were filled with everything you hoped for and lots of family memories. We have had a great start to the winter term and are feeling refreshed, renewed, and re-energized as we remain committed to deliver top-quality college preparation for each and every student. As always, this will be a busy time of the year, so be sure to carefully read through information included in our newsletters.

Please note:

- Friday, February 12, there is no school for students. Staff will be engaged in Professional Development.
- Friday, February 26, is our next credentialing meeting. Please take the time to review and celebrate your student’s progress and look for areas where you can help your student set goals for improvement. Students have been working extremely hard; it’s important to praise the effort put forth in each of their achievements and remind them how important credentialing is in transitioning to, and remaining in, college.
- February 26 - March 4, Mid-Semester Break. There is no school for students on those days. The Academy offices will be closed.

2016-2017 JC/LISD Academy applications are now available. If you know a current 9th or 10th grade student who is interested, now is the time for them to apply. For more information, direct students to our website at http://www.jccmi.edu/theacademy, or have them call (517) 266-6982. Also, if you or your business would like JC/LISD Academy informational brochures, please stop by the Student Services office at the LISD TECH Center.

Although we’ve had a mild winter, this is the time to take a moment to review our school delay and cancellation policy so you are not confused about our expectations for student attendance. This is found on page 41 in your student handbook.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns along the way.

Attentively,

Jonathan Tobar, Principal
Teen Court

Looking ahead… some Middle College students will have the opportunity to serve on a teen court at the Lenawee County Court House, March 31, 2016. We soon will be seeking 14 student volunteers to serve on a jury which will decide 2 cases of county juveniles who were involved in minor violations of the law. These cases are formally deliberated in the courtroom of Judge Gregg Iddings and juried students will be posing questions to the accused and will ultimately decide the disposition (consequences).

Students will be receiving further information and preparation as the date gets closer. Stay tuned!

Spring Testing is drawing near!

Is your student going to be a senior next year? If so, they will be participating in the spring testing schedule that includes the SAT, ACT WorkKeys, and the M-Step.

The SAT currently helps determine acceptance to colleges and scholarship qualification; therefore, it is strongly recommended that students choose a preparation method.

There are many different programs and books that are intended to prepare students for the SAT, but here at the Academy we offer a free SAT prep course that will be taught primarily from Khan Academy materials.

SAT prep will be held in TECH Center Room 180 from 3:30-4:00 pm (during tutoring) every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday starting on February 1, 2016. If students have specific content area question, Academy teachers will also be available at this time.

Testing dates are April 12 - 14, 2016.

Please encourage your student to participate in this preparation opportunity!
Civics

This semester in Civics, students will be spending time weekly profiling potential presidential candidates for the upcoming 2016 Presidential Election. Students will also be responsible for summarizing a current event to discuss and share weekly with the rest of the class. The focus this month in Civics will include the origins and philosophies and creation of our government in the United States. Later this month, our class will begin discussing and analyzing rights, responsibilities, and the three branches of government.

The Chemistry class is working on a marshmallow bonding lab to show covalent bonding between atoms in the picture on the left.

Students in Algebra 1 are working on extending knowledge of linear equations to parallel and perpendicular lines and finding a trend line to model data. Students knowledge of linear equations will help in the next unit when working on solving systems of linear equations in two variables.

This week in College Prep English

Students have been working on descriptive writing and using adjectives, adverbs, and preposition phrases to create imagery for their intended audience. Ask your student about their descriptive essay to see what they developed!
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