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January 2025

Dear Wilson Middle School Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2025 has gotten off to a fabulous start for you and your family. As we settle into January, I want to take a moment to update you on a few important matters as we continue working together to support our students' success.

The second quarter ends in just a few days, and I encourage all students to put forth their best effort to meet both family and school expectations. This is a great time to check in with your child about their progress, missing assignments, and upcoming assessments. With mid-winter recess only a few weeks away, we hope every student will start the third quarter strong and maintain positive momentum as we move into the second half of the school year.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind families about an important school policy regarding homework completion. Students are expected to complete and turn in all assignments on time. If a student does not complete their homework or fails to turn it in, they will receive a 10th period detention. This policy has been in place for years and is designed to hold students accountable while providing them with the motivation and support to succeed.

If a student fails to attend their assigned 10th period detention, they will be referred to my office, and I will assign a late-night detention. While this may come as a surprise to some, it is an important measure to reinforce the value of responsibility and follow-through. Of course, all of this is completely avoidable if students complete and submit their assignments on time.

As always, the middle school staff and I are here to partner with you to support your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teachers.

2nd QUARTER

The 2nd quarter ends Friday, January 24th. 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be distributed in homerooms on Thursday, February 6th. Please encourage your child to communicate with their teacher(s) if they have questions or need extra help. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor or Principal Benton. The 3rd quarter begins on Monday, January 27, 2025.

PARENT PORTAL CLOSURE

Parent Portal will be closed from January 24th (end of business day) through February 6th (end of business day). This will allow teachers time to finalize grades and close out the 2nd quarter.

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

- Friday, 1/24 @ 7:00
- Saturday, 1/25 @ 2:00 & 7:00

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OBSERVANCE

- Monday, January 20th - NO SCHOOL

REGENTS SCORING DAY

- Next Friday, January 24th (regents scoring day)
- **NO SCHOOL FOR MS/HS STUDENTS.**

LUNAR NEW YEAR

- Wednesday, January 29th
- **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

MID-WINTER RECESS

No school Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21. School resumes Monday, February 24.

NYS ASSESSMENTS DATES

- All assessments will be CBT (Computer Based Testing)
- New York State Assessments
 - ELA - April 23 & 24
 - Math - May 13 & 14
 - Grade 8 Science - May 8

EMERGENCY CLOSING/SNOW DAY

If the district closes school with notice, Superintendent Carter will notify students, parents, and staff that asynchronous assignments will be posted to Google Classroom. Teachers may post an asynchronous activity for students and be available for questions throughout the day. Teachers may post an instructional video or link to be included on how to complete the assignment. If school is closed unexpectedly, staff will not post assignments and we will have a 'regular' snow day.

DRESS CODE NOTE

Please review the dress code portion of the student handbook/agenda (Pg. 3) with your child. Quite a few students have been in violation of the dress code wearing pajamas and/or garments advertising alcohol. **As a reminder, pajamas are not appropriate for school.** Thank you for your cooperation.

10th PERIOD/EXTRA HELP

Teachers are available for extra help on Monday - Thursday during 10th period. If your child requires extra help and is not physically present in school on one of those days, please have your child contact their teacher to make arrangements to stay after school.

Upcoming Events

1/20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/22	NYS Assessment CBT Simulation
1/24 - 1/25	HS/MS Musical (Aud)
1/24	End of 2nd Quarter
1/24	Regents Scoring - No School for HS/MS Students
1/27	3rd Quarter Begins (Second Semester)
1/29	Lunar New Year Observance - No school for students
1/31 - 2/1	All County I @ Lew-Port
2/4	Music Photo Shoot
2/5	Disney Fundraiser (Music Department) (Aud)
2/6	Report cards distributed
2/7 & 2/8	All County II @ Starpoint

2/14	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
2/17	President's Day
2/18 - 2/23	Mid-Winter Recess

Thank you for your ongoing support, and best wishes for a fantastic 2025!

Mr. Scott Benton, Principal
Wilson Middle School