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School Office

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	2 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	3 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	4 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	5
6	7 School Resumes 7:50 a.m. 6 th GBB begins practice from 7- 8:30pm	8	9	10	11 End of Second Quarter	12 Wrestling @ Harlem
13	14 FAST Meeting, 7pm 8 GBB AB @ H, 4:30 7 GBB AB @ Harlem, 4:30	15	16	17 Sport Pictures, 3:05	18 2 nd Quarter Report Cards Go Home	19 Wrestling @ Byron
20	21 MLK Jr. Day WE DO HAVE SCHOOL THIS DAY!	22 6 GBB @ Dixon, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ H, 4:00	23 7/8 GBB @ Rockford Christian, 4:30 Wrestling @ H, 4:00	24	25	26
27	28 Wrestling @ H, 4:30	29 6 GBB @ H, 4:00	30 Blood Drive 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.	31 6 GBB @ Byron, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ H, 4:00	Cathy Finley Principal Patrick Brûlé Assistant Principal	

***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information.

<http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcements>

Sports Registration is Now Available

Students interested in Girls Basketball in January can complete their registration on-line at: <http://bagoathletics.com/hq/middle-school-athletics-registration/>.

Students need to have all registration, fees and physical paperwork before they can participate in any sports activities.

Practices will begin January 7th:

8th Grade Practice from 3:15 to 5:00pm

7th Grade Practice from 5:30 to 7:00pm

6th Grade Practice from 7:00 to 8:30pm

Father Daughter Dance

Our Student Council organizes our Annual Father Daughter Dance. This year, the dance will be held on Saturday, February 2nd from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in our middle school gym. Tickets will go on sale in the office Wednesday, January 23rd for \$20.00 per couple.

Second Quarter Grades

Second quarter report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, January 18th. Infinite Campus is a good place to check on students' grades on a regular basis. If you have any trouble with the website for Infinite Campus:

<https://winnebagoil.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/winnebago.jsp>,

please call the school office at 815.335.2364.

RRVBC Blood Drive

Winnebago Middle School is helping the Rock River Valley Blood Center by holding a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, January 30th from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.** in our cafeteria. If you would be interested in donating blood that day, please call the school office at **815-335-2364** to schedule your appointment.

Community Service Opportunities

We are in need of student volunteers willing to make phone calls and schedule appointments for our Blood Drive scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Volunteers must be able to stay after school until about 4:00 p.m. Students can talk with Mrs. Finley about setting dates and times that work depending on the student's schedule.

8th Grade Notes

On December 4th and 5th the 8th grade welcomed the Academic Advisors from the high school to learn about courses and graduation requirements. Detailed information can be found in each student's Science Google Classroom. In January, eighth grade students will use this information to begin choosing their freshman classes. Recommendations for high school core classes will be made by 8th grade teachers using final grades from all middle school core classes. Students will use these recommendations and their interests in specific electives, to decide on their freshman year schedule. High School is coming soon! More information regarding paperwork will be sent through Remind. Text the number 81010 using the code @g63626g to join and begin receiving 8th grade reminders.

Attendance Notes

A couple of friendly reminders:

1. Students who do not feel well are still expected to see the nurse or come to the office. At that time, then, we can help the student to reach a parent or guardian if they need to go home. If a student happens to reach you on their cell phone, please direct them to the office. We've had a couple of instances of parents coming to pick up their child, and we don't even know that there is a problem.
2. The primary explained absence would be a parental trip or vacation. Except where extenuating circumstances are present, these absences should be arranged in advance with written notice to the school office. Explained absences will include family trips and events such as "Take Your Child to Work" day. Make up of work missed during this absence is permitted at full credit but the responsibility for such make up is on the student. Students will be given at least 1 day for every day missed. **The office must approve explained absences at least one day in advance of the absence with written notice from the parent/guardian if the student is to be gone for more than three class periods.** Planned absences during the last week of the grading period are discouraged. Please note that students will be given only two days of work prior to the absence when approved. Other assignments that would be missed will be

provided upon the student's return. A prior clearance form must be picked up from the office in advance of the absence. **Failure to complete the appropriate procedure will result in denial of the request and/or the absence recorded as unexcused meaning no credit given for the make-up work.** Full credit will be given for all make-up work due to an explained absence as long as the aforementioned procedure is followed. Any work given to the student prior to their absence is to be completed and turned in upon their return unless otherwise noted by the teacher.

More detailed, important information about policies and procedures for attendance and absences can be found in our [2018-2019 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#) starting on Page 5.

5Essentials Survey

We are asking parents to participate in the parent survey of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. We guarantee that survey responses will never be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Please visit <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> to take the parent survey.

Christmas Tea

It was very nice to see our great turn out this year. We were very glad to have all of the parents and families and community members share part of their day with us!!



