



# The Middle School Messenger

## From the Middle School Team

Hello Families!

We have had another wonderful week of rigorous learning in the middle school! We cannot wait to see you at our Back to School Night on Monday 9/19! We will discuss the Middle School Survival Guide and Engrade.com. Read below for our curriculum updates.

Literacy:

Scholars in all grades have gotten into "Just Right" books. These are texts that are appropriately challenging: Not too hard and not too easy. Each scholar reads at his or her own level and just like an athlete, he or she builds stamina and brain power as they read. Mrs. Dutson has been assessing the reading levels of each scholar this week. Scholars should be submitting weekly reading logs.

In Writer's Workshop, we are continuing to write about what we love. Scholars have filled pages and pages with stories about family members, identity, favorite people, and special places. These ideas will help us as we develop a launch piece in the coming weeks. Weekly writing was also introduced this week. These are a set of assignments given on Monday and collected on the last day of every week.

Social Studies:

In grades 6 and 7 scholars have reviewed some of the core concepts of geography including maps, seasons, and climate. Grade 8 scholars began studying the Civil Rights this week with learning about identity and race. This unit will connect with the literacy course as well. Please be sure you have read *Warriors Don't Cry*.

Math and Science:

In math this week we are jumping into our first units of the year which are rational and irrational numbers in 8th grade, comparing and ordering integers in 7th grade and place value in 6th grade. Math club will be starting in the next few weeks for scholars who need extra help or who just enjoy doing math!!

In science the 8th grade is creating life size models of human body's with all the major organ systems as we learn about the human body. 7th grade is learning about the atmosphere and heat transfer. We have already created our first lab report from our initial heat experiment. 6th grade is learning to use maps and how they are helpful with exploring different landforms.


Have a safe and happy weekend!

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## Save the Date!

- 9/16- No School- Professional Day
- 9/17- Saturday Tutoring 10-12 (FREE!)
- 9/19- Catholic Memorial will visit grade 7 and 8 Boys
- 9/19- MANDATORY Back to School Night!
- 9/21- Step Team Practice

## Did you know...



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**Monday: September 19, 2011 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

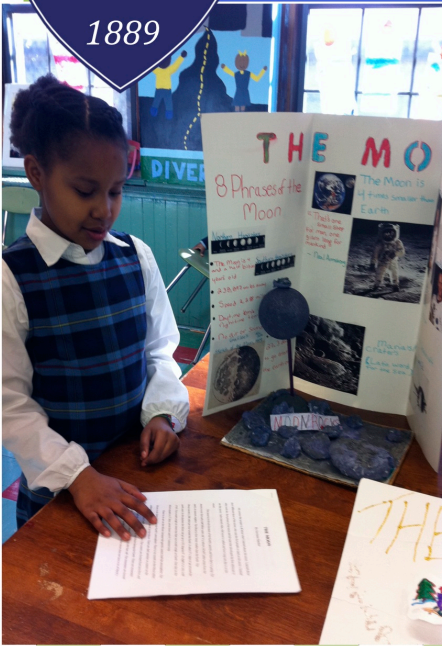
6:00 Parish Center, Tremont Campus  
Ms. Bradley's Welcome

6:30 Middle School Meeting

Come learn what the year will look like for your Scholar(s)

Curriculum Overviews  
Classroom Procedures  
Homework  
Hopes and Dreams

Back to School Night!



**Middle School Scholars  
S.L.A.N.T.-ing!**