

EUGENE A. TIGHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

February 13, 2019

Social Media and the Internet - A Presentation for Parents - Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

Based on some feedback from parents, we are delighted to offer another parent workshop led by Margate parent and FBI security expert Mr. Dan Garrabrant. This free program is open to any parent or educator in the area that wishes to learn how to best safeguard their children while using Social Media and the Internet. Mr. Garrabrant will be delivering a similar program to all our students during a morning assembly on Friday, February 22. It will be designed specifically for our students and stress some important facts regarding appropriate and inappropriate use of social media, texting, and the Internet.

Yearbooks Now on Sale!

Tighe School Yearbooks can be preordered for \$25 until Friday, February 22. Additional yearbooks will be available after that date for \$30. Go to jostensyearbooks.com to buy one for your child.

InView Testing for Fifth Grade Students

On Tuesday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 6, all students in fifth grade will take this group administered cognitive index assessment during periods 1 and 2. The results from this test will become part of your child's confidential school records and will assist in identifying your child's strengths and weaknesses.

LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Lessons have begun for Fifth and Eighth Grade Students

Thanks to a partnership with our Margate Police Department, students in grades 5 and 8 participate in 10 weekly lessons delivered by trained police officers during their health class. Dangers of drugs, smoking, and alcohol use by young people are discussed, as well as the importance of making healthy choices.

General Parent/Guardian Reminders:

Absence notes for illness – Please send absence notes following an illness to the main office. Your child's homeroom teacher can also forward them to the office, if your child gives them to him/her upon their return. Remember, for one or two days a parent note is all that is required to mark the absence excused. If three or more days, we do require a physician's note.

Extra help available to students – In addition to receiving extra help from your child's teacher, we offer a number of programs to assist all students with the completion of their assignments and preparation for exams. The programs include:

- **Homework Club** in the media center – Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:55 to 4:20 pm – two teachers are available to assist students each day with any schoolwork

- **Peer Tutoring*** in Mrs. Sykes' room – Monday and Wednesday during lunch/recess for fifth and sixth graders, Tuesday and Thursday during lunch/recess for seventh and eighth graders – Mrs. Sykes matches up students to work together on specific subjects and/or assignments
- **Learning Lounge*** – available every day during lunch/recess – two teachers provide a quiet workspace for students needing extra help or for students to complete makeup work in a supervised environment
- **Library Recess*** – all students have the option of going to the media center during their recess time to complete work and use the computers – our media specialist supervises the children as they work

** Not held on early dismissal days due to shortened lunch period*

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER...

Thursday, 2/14 – **“Dress to Impress” Formal Day** - lunchtime pictures and long p.m. Assembly

Friday, 2/15 and Monday, 2/18 - **NO SCHOOL** - Presidents' Weekend

2/25 to 2/28 - **ACHS Counselor Meetings** - in Tighe Media Center – each student has their own appointment day and time

Tuesday, 2/26 – **Sixth Grade Science Fair** – 2:00 visitation for families

Wednesday, 2/27 – **Eighth Grade Dance Parent Planning Meeting**

Reminders:

Second Marking Period Report Cards - Sent home March 13 in the Wednesday folders

Parent-Teacher Conferences – March 13 (6-8 p.m.), March 14 and 15 (1:30-3:00 p.m.)