



In the Middle

A bi-weekly communication from Wooster's Middle School

February 19, 2010

From the Desk of Jocko McKean, Head of Middle School

Upcoming Events

Friday, Feb. 19:
MS Dance/Battle of the Bands- MS Common Room: 7:30-10:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 28:
Wooster Rocks, from 2-5pm in the Dining Hall

Wednesday, March 3: Early Dismissal for all Middle School Students- 1:30pm (see note in newsletter)

Tuesday, March 9-
Wednesday, March 10: Middle School Science Fair—see details in newsletter)

Friday, March 12:
Spring Vacation after a 3:45 dismissal

Monday, March 29:
Classes resume

Winter: It has been an eventful winter season so far and it would appear that it is not quite over. I thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate, together the delays, closings, and early dismissals. Please remember, we are very flexible and if you feel that travel is not advisable, please make the safest decision and wait until things are better. In the wide geographic area that we serve, conditions are bound to vary to a large degree. Please be safe!



All Survived Hatchet Day: Our One Book One School Project, based on the novel Hatchet by Gary Paulsen, was quite a lot of fun. The action-packed day included knot tying, survival medicine, GPS caching hunts, brain teasers, and more. Students and faculty commented that this was, “the best one yet.” Many thanks go to Nancy Woodward and her committee for organizing something awesome that culminated with a camp fire and marshmallows behind the chapel. I trust you heard about our adventures.

February/March- It seems like this is the craziest time of year, but maybe that is just because we are living it. I suspect the weather has something to do with that feeling as well. Here are a few things to take special note of:

- Sports: next Wednesday, February 24: all our Middle School teams are in action: at home are the 7/8th Grade Girls playing Harvey at 3:15 in the Small Gym; on the road are the 7/8th Grade Boys playing Melrose at 4:30 and 6th Grade Coed Basketball playing Melrose at 3:30. Please note: these are the final games of the Winter Season.
- Sunday, February 28: WOOSTER ROCKS from 2:00-5:00pm. A multi-cultural pot-lock meal with entertainment in the Dining Hall.
- **Wednesday, March 3: Early Dismissal for all Middle School Students at 1:30pm for an afternoon Faculty Meeting. Please make arrangements to have students picked up at that time if at all possible. Busses will only depart at their normal times of 3:45, but there will be no after school study hall. I will make arrangements to accommodate those students who cannot be picked up before 3:45. Your cooperation in setting up car-pools, having students go home with a friend, or other creative approaches will give the Middle School Faculty some unique time for professional growth. Thank you in advance for your efforts and understanding.**
- Science Fair Information-March 10-11 Most Important Dates:
 - Monday, March 8th - Projects due
 - Tuesday, March 9 – Set up projects in the Middle School
 - Wednesday, March 10- Science Fair for parents 3:45 pm – 5:15 pm
 - Thursday, March 11 – Science Fair open for Lower and Upper Schools

- Friday, March 12 – Take projects home
- Friday, March 12- Regular Class followed by ½ Day Workday- 3:45 dismissal and no After – School Study Hall- Spring Vacation Begins.
- Monday, March 29- Classes Resume.

As always, if you have any questions, please give me a call at 203 830-3968 -Mr. McKean