

8 Green Newsletter

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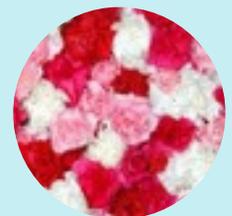
Team Facilitators

Hosted a Lip Synch Battle!!



Placement Tests

Students are working hard and preparing for High School!!



Valentine's Day

Students bought carnations for each other to celebrate Valentine's Day!

Words of Wisdom

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
Maya Angelou

The Worcester District Attorney's office came to speak about Cyber Safety. We are grateful to have these assemblies. We understand how challenging it can be to stay current with changes on the internet and know how our

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FEBRUARY 23

SHS Curriculum Night for Incoming Freshmen is for the PARENTS ONLY

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WAY TO GO GUYS

An activity-based group that builds self-esteem and social + personal confidence. Contact us

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OAK'S GOT TALENT

Audition and stage crew forms available. Try out on March 8th. Show will be April 9th

children's lives are impacted by them. Facebook use seems to be down among our students while SnapChat and Instagram use is more predominant.

Curriculum News:

Course Selection Process

This week the 8th graders have started learning about the course selection process for 9th grade classes at Shrewsbury High School. We hope all parents/guardians will be able to attend the important parent meeting at Shrewsbury High School on Feb. 23 at 6:30. This presentation will give parents information about the programs offered at the High School.

If you would like an interpreter to join you at this meeting, please let Mrs. Beaton know as soon as possible. Often an interpreter can be very helpful in explaining the complex language used in these presentations

English: The students are just finishing their Medieval Research Essays! Please give them a pat on the back for this one; it was quite the long process! Once we return from the February vacation, we will be starting our Science Fiction unit with a focus on what it means to be human. Students will choose from *The Giver*



by Lois Lowry or *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

Science: We started the Motion Unit. The students will be calculating speed and measuring their own speed before the break. After the break, they will be graphing motion and using the motion detectors that will show the motion as a distance vs. time graph. They will collect data with laptops and their iPads.

Math: The students just finished a unit on the Pythagorean Theorem. Within this unit students were challenged to look for right triangles in real world scenarios and apply the theorem to solve for missing side lengths. Students worked on their communication skills

FEBRUARY VACATION!

Families, it's that time of year again: February vacation week. Chances are, you're looking for some activities for your family. Don't fret. Minimize boredom and stress with these family-friendly, day-to-day things to do in the Boston area.

- *Learn about fiber and textile arts at the Museum of Fine Arts*
- *Celebrate the Chinese New Year at the Harvard Museum of Natural History*
- *Explore medieval times through the Higgins Armory exhibit at the Worcester Art Museum*

Several of our students are experiencing snow for the first time! Our long weekend due to snow days was a dream-come-true for them. It is great to see this weather from their eyes and remember the magic.



by writing an entry for a children's book that displayed an example of the Pythagorean Theorem. They also have completed beautiful drawings containing the famous "Wheel of Theodorus" which is made up of small right triangles. The wheels help students visualize irrational numbers.

Our English Language Learners (ELLs) spent three days in January taking the WIDA - ACCESS test for English language proficiency. This year we took the electronic version on iPads. We appreciate the hard work our students put into these important assessments! We will get the results in late May. Our ELA-ESL students have also been working on Persuasive Essays. Unfortunately the snow days changed our plans, so we will complete these essays after our vacation.

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”
Harriet Tubman

February is Black History Month!

Social Studies: We have began our study of Europe during the Middle Ages. The students started the unit with a simulation of a feudal manor. Each student was either a serf, knight, noble or the monarch. Please ask them about the activity as it was very interactive and fun! We will study the Catholic Church in Europe during the Middle Ages, the Development of Towns and lastly the Decline of Feudalism.

As always please contact us with any questions, concerns or comments
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