From the Principal – Aaron J. Smith

Dear Skyhawk Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had the opportunity to make many family memories during Winter Break. As always, the week before break at school was a busy one. In addition to concerts and a raucous assembly on Friday, December 19th where our new Hawk mascot was revealed, it was heart-warming to see our students coalesce around the various charitable activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed to help our students with their efforts to make a difference in our community.

As we look at the calendar for the next few months, we have many things to look forward to here at Skyridge. In fact, basketball has already begun, our National Geography Bee assembly is this Friday, and we will soon be holding auditions for our musical and the popular Skyridge Variety Show! It’s always a great treat to see our students shine in such a wide variety of ways, both in and out of the classroom.

In regards to the Variety Show, please encourage your children to show off any entertaining, unique or bizarre talents (as long as they are appropriate J)! The key word is variety. Almost anything goes! Auditions will take place on Wednesday, January 28 after school. Since the show is directed by yours truly, feel free to contact me if you have any questions. The Variety Show will take place on Friday, February 13 (I know) during school hours. As always, the theme is top secret!

There is no secret when it comes to how much we appreciate your support and for sending your students to school ready to learn, however. Thank you for a great 2014!

Sincerely,

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Did you know that graduation requirements have changed for the Class of 2019? Mark your calendars for January 28, from 6:30-7:30 to learn more. On that night, CHS staff members will be here at Skyridge to talk about those new requirements and what they mean for your student. Busy on the 28th? There will also be a meeting at Liberty Middle School on January 21 from 6:30-7:30 that you could also attend. Both meetings will have the same information, so feel free to attend either event. Come and discover what is new for your soon-to-be high school student.

Stay informed…
Skyridge Network News (SNN)
Posted on YouTube and on Facebook. Search for Skyridge Middle School.

LATE STARTS

Wednesday and Thursday, January 7 & 8
Classes will begin at 10:15 AM.
Buses will be at bus stops 2 hours and 15 minutes later than the regular time.

NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 19, 2015
In observation of Martin Luther King Jr

Monday, January 26, 2015
Grading Day
Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for boys and girls, 7th and 8th grades will be Monday, Jan 5 – Wednesday, Jan 7.

Girls will tryout from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Boys will tryout from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
7th grade will tryout in the rubber gym
8th grade will tryout in the wood gym

Teams will be decided after tryouts on Wednesday, January 7. Team practices will begin Thursday, January 8 following the same times and locations as listed above. ASB and sport fees will be due in the main office by Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

GO SKYHAWKS!!

Class of 2019 – CHS Math Science Technology Magnet Program

There will be several events beginning in January to introduce the CHS Magnet Program to the Class of 2019. Please visit the MST website to learn more about the program, the online application, admissions application deadlines, and more.

8th Grade East Coast Trip

Is your child interested in traveling to the East Coast with a group of students for a week?

This 8th grade trip will be June 19-26, 2015. On this trip, students will visit Colonial Williamsburg, Washington D.C., Lancaster, PA, Gettysburg, PA, and New York City. If you missed the East Coast Trip informational meeting in October, you can email jeanette.romano@camas.wednet.edu for more information.

The Camas School District does not sponsor or endorse this event.
Skyridge athletics continues to have a strong year. For the first time in the history of Skyridge the wrestling team went undefeated and won the league championship. At the District Tournament Sky had a strong first day and sent 8 wrestlers to the finals. Unfortunately they came up 10 points short to Tournament Champion Covington. Their 2nd place finish at Districts was also a Skyridge first.

Volleyball finished the season in 3rd place at the District tournament. They have improved steadily throughout the season but were unable to hold off league champion, Liberty, in the first round of the tournament. They played hard and won the consolation bracket. Great job Skyhawks!

Go Skyhawks!!
Bob Foster, Athletic Coordinator – Skyridge and Liberty Middle Schools

The Middle School Mind: What’s Going On In There?

Parents, Join Us For A FREE Event With Camas Family Therapist
JENNIFER MCMILLAN

Tues., Jan. 13, 7–8 PM @ Skyridge

FIND OUT:
• How Middle Schoolers’ Brains Work
• What Cheers & Worries Them
• What They Want You to Know But Won’t Say
• Tips For Talking to Your Kids

December marked one of the busiest months of the year for our ASB Team. Over the course of the month of December, your ASB Team planned and implemented the following activities and celebrations:

➢ 6th Grade Commissioner Application and Selection
➢ Holiday Festival Spirit Assembly
➢ Staff Appreciation Event

One of the highlights of December was the addition of our new ASB Team members. After a long, four week, highly competitive application process, we are honored to announce the addition of the following 6th Grade ASB Commissioners to our Team:

Eleanor Carolus
Spencer Fewel
Noah Frazier
Eli McMillan
Caleb Shira
Alexis Williams

Looking ahead to January 30th, your ASB Team will be presenting our “We CAN Create Change” assembly. The purpose of this assembly is to bring awareness to our fellow Skyhawks that, through their own efforts they too can create change in both our community and beyond. This assembly promises to be one of the biggest and most important of the school year.
National Geographic Bee Building Champion

Our Annual Skyridge Geographic Bee Building Competition will be held on Friday, January 9 at 1:30 during an all school assembly. In December, students participated in a week long, classroom competition to identify top students who then took a written test to identify the finalists. Our finalists are Alex Gee, Gavin Gregory, Will Hansen, Thomas Taylor, Logan Kesting, Ken Koceja, Jackson Lyne, Lucas Mansfield, Steven Sturges, and Maddy Wood. Riley DeHart is the alternate in the event one of the finalists is unable to compete. These finalists will compete for the honor of becoming our school champion, being eligible for a $50,000 college scholarship, and advancing to the next level of competition, a written examination to determine the state competitors. The state-level competition will be held March 27, 2015 followed by the national level in Washington, DC on May 11-13, 2015.

Korrie MacIntyre 2014 Winner