

# SCHWEINFURT MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER *Moving Forward.....21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills*

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Schweinfurt Middle School will continually engage all students in experiences that inspire high achievement and responsible citizenship in a technological, global society.



## **INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS = READING COMPREHENSION**

### Principal's Message

#### Welcome and Welcome Back!

We are near the halfway point of school year 2007-2008. On behalf of the students, faculty and staff at Schweinfurt Middle School (SMS), I want to welcome the return of each soldier from down-range. We truly appreciate your dedication and commitment

to our country and we missed your participation and involvement in our school programs and activities. Our thoughts and hopes for a safe return remains with the families of 1-91 Cav the unit that is still serving downrange. Prior to the winter break, many families made a permanent change in their duty station and moved from Schweinfurt to other locations. We are now seeing the arrival of new families in the community. We encourage the remaining families and students to join us, the school, in welcoming all new families and students to the community. Our school staff has programs, activities, and information designed to help new students and their parents make a successful transition to Schweinfurt Middle School. We want and expect all parents (new and remaining parents) to be involved in the school. This is your school. We are here because you and your children are here. Our goal is to provide a quality education for your children and facilitate high student achievement for all students. Parents, I encourage you to decide how you want to become actively involved in your school. Some important ways include: checking your child's planner daily; calling, emailing or meeting with

teachers on a regular basis, joining the Parents, Students, Teachers' Association and attending meeting, becoming a member of or attending the School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting.

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## Student of the Month for December

6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Francesca McNeal  
Timo Togafau

7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Aldrin Navidad  
Angie Rago

8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Ryan Whitcomb  
Ryle Francisco

### Important: News From PTSA

The PTSA is in need of **ALL** positions to be filled and other Volunteers. If interested please contact Mrs. Janet O'Brien at [july66gri@yahoo.com](mailto:july66gri@yahoo.com) or Schweinfurt Middle School@09721-804301.

## *AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) News*

AVID students have finished writing their essays themed “Why I Am An American Patriot” for a youth contest called “Patriot’s Pen”, sponsored by the VFW (Veterans of Foreign War). Judges will select the top three finishers from Schweinfurt Middle School. The best one or two will move on to district competition, with a chance to compete Europe wide and then nationally.

All eighth grade AVID students took the PSAT on October 17, 2007 at the Middle School. Results will be shared with students and sent home as soon as we receive them.

All AVID students will begin to build electronic port-folios second quarter. We will create a template for documenting school and community accomplishments. Students will have opportunities to create artifacts of their work through a variety of multimedia presentations.

Eighth grade AVID students will start a grade level entrepreneurial project this quarter. They will create a family café to be operational during our Family Fun Nights (Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>). Profits will be deposited into the PTSA account and will be in part used to finance the celebration of eighth graders during the Middle School Zone Spring Formal. Students will perform research to determine the menu and pricing, marketing to advertise, production and service and quality assurance during operations, and finance to include profit spreadsheets. They will practice leadership skills in training and working with the entire eighth grade class.

Seventh grade AVID students will start a collaborative project designing and constructing gingerbread houses. This project will require teamwork, creative problem solving, measurement, and computation.

Sixth grade AVID students will begin reading and discussing short stories from the Jr. Great Book Series. These activities are designed to promote reading comprehension, critical thinking, and enhance vocabulary. We have not determined our sixth grade collaborative project at this time.

*The AVID Program is currently looking for AVID Tutors. Qualifications include being hired as a Substitute Teacher and ability to tutor in mathematics through Algebra I. We are also in need of volunteer tutors during our end of the day tutorials to assist in Foreign Language (German and Spanish) tutoring. Department of Defense Dependents Schools*

# *Schweinfurt Middle School*

## **Continuous School Progress (CSP)**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Schweinfurt Middle School will engage all students in meaningful experiences that develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills, preparing them to be successful and responsible citizens in a technological, global humanity.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

1. Expect high achievement regarding core standards.
2. Promote Learning and Thinking Skills.
3. Promote Information & Technology Literacy.
4. Promote Life Skills.

Investigate 21<sup>st</sup> Century Content Areas

### **GOALS:**

**READING**

**COMPREHENSION**

**MATH**



## Semester Awards News



**February 13, 2008 Wednesday starting @1300  
Schweinfurt Middle School will hold their Semester Awards Assembly. If your child is receiving an Award at the assembly a letter of invitation will be sent home with your child two days before the assembly. We hope to see each and every one of you at the assembly. Parents are a vital part of your child's Education.**

### **Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) Acceleration Program**

A DoDDS student whose sponsor is making a Permanent Change of Duty Station (PCS) may request to accelerate and receive credit for the semester. In order to do so, it is recommended that the sponsor request permission to accelerate as soon as possible or at least within 30 days of the DoDDS acceleration date. A copy of the sponsor's PCS orders should be provided. The student will be required to complete any additional assignments given by the teachers. A student must attend school through the end of the school day on December 13, 2007 or May 15, 2008. In other words, Students **MUST** attend school all day on the school day directly preceding the early withdrawal date. December 13, 2007 or **May 15, 2008** is the earliest date that a request for acceleration can be approved. A student, who is PCS'ing, may accelerate at any time after the earliest acceleration date, up to the end of the semester. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding acceleration.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>Happy New Year</b>						
6	7 A DAY	8 MUSIC 3:10-3:55 MATH COUNTS 3:10-4:10 READING FOR FUN 3:10-4:15 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 3:10-4:30 B DAY	9 TECH. FAIR 3:10-4:10 MUSIC 3:10-3:55 MATH GAME CLUB 3:10-4:10 STUDENT COUNCIL 3:10-4:10 A DAY	10 Odyssey Of the Mind 3:10-4:30 B DAY	11 A DAY	12
13	14 B DAY	15 YEARBOOK 3:10-4:10 MATH COUNTS 3:10-4:10 READING FOR FUN 3:10-4:15 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 3:10-4:30 A DAY	16 MATH GAME CLUB 3:10-4:10 SAC MEETING@3:00 B DAY	17 NJHS 3:10-4:00 Odyssey Of the Mind 3:10-4:30 A DAY	18 TOUCH OF CLASS CAFE B DAY	19
20	21  Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	22 MUSIC 3:10-3:55 MATH COUNTS 3:10-4:10 READING FOR FUN 3:10-4:15 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 3:10-4:30 YEARBOOK 3:10-4:10 A DAY	23 MUSIC 3:10-3:55 MATH GAME CLUB 3:10-4:10 STUDENT COUNCIL 3:10-4:10 B DAY	24 SIP DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	25 Teacher Work Day No School For Students	26
27	28 A DAY	29 MUSIC 3:10-3:55 MATH COUNTS 3:10-4:10 READING FOR FUN 3:10-4:15 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 3:10-4:30 B DAY	30 MUSIC 3:10-3:55 TECH FAIR 3:10-4:10 MATH GAME CLUB 3:10-4:10 SPELLING BEE @ 1:40 A DAY	31 MUSIC 3:10-3:55 MATH GAME CLUB 3:10-4:10 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 3:10-4:30 INTRAMURALS 3:10-4:10 B DAY		