

Good Afternoon,

This week begins our final month before the end of first semester. Students have just three weeks of class remaining prior to finals beginning the week of December 18. We look forward to finishing the semester strong and continuing our mission to provide high levels of learning for all students.

Looking forward to seeing our students tomorrow,

Dr. Holder

Learning Schedule for the Week:

Monday: Blue Block Day

Tuesday: Silver Block Day

Wednesday: Blue Block Day-Classes begin at 8:20

Thursday: Silver Block Day

Friday: Blue Block Day

Congratulations to our Jaguars!

First, a BIG congratulations to our band students who participated in the ECKMEA. This is an event that auditions high school students in the Kansas City metro area. We had four students who auditioned and are a part of this group: Zach Cheeser-Jazz Guitar, Kate Marten-Bassoon, Georgia Hansen-Euphoium, and Zane Lauer-Tuba. These musicians are now eligible to audition for the All State Band.

Second, In case you have not heard, our incredible football team ONCE AGAIN captured the 5A State Football title yesterday in Pittsburg. We are so proud of our football staff and players for another year of hard work and dedication.

Third, in case you missed last week's JW, our amazing cheerleaders placed FIRST and captured the 6A State Cheer title at the state cheer event last weekend. Our Silver Stars placed second in the 6A State Dance event last weekend. Congrats ladies, we are so proud of all of you!

Jaguar Joy:

*****The following message is from our Jaguar Joy Co-Chairs:***

It is time for us to spread some joy to the teachers and staff at Mill Valley. We need your help in order to achieve this. For the holidays, our committee is planning on gifting each staff member with a gift card, small gift and sweet treat. We have created a signup genius for you to sign up to purchase gift cards and Venmo for the gift and sweet treat. We have 150 staff members we will be purchasing for. As you start your holiday shopping over the next week, please grab a gift card or two for the staff at Mill Valley. They are truly worth so much more. **Please sign up to help out by clicking this link [here](#).** Thank you for making this holiday season a little more joyful for our teachers and staff.

NEHS Book Drive:

NEHS is having a book drive the week of November 27th-December 1st. We are going to be placing labeled boxes outside the counseling office and jaguar statue. The donations are all going to the organization Hands to Hearts KC. The organization is looking for all gently used or new books, from board books to eighth grade chapter books. They have a large Spanish-speaking community, so any books in Spanish would be fantastic.

CTEC (Cedar Trails Exploration Center) Open House:

For students interested in our CTEC programs. the CTEC Open House will be held on Wednesday, December 6th from 6:00-7:30. If interested, please click the Smore link: <https://www.smore.com/3x0py>

Finals Schedule:

December 18-Full Day for Students-Finals Silver 4&5

December 19-Full Day for Students-Finals Blue 4&5

December 21-Half Day for Students-Finals Silver 1&2-**NO LATE START ON THIS DAY. CLASSES BEGIN AT 7:50.**

December 21-Half Day for Students-Finals Blue 1&2

*Note: We do not allow students to take finals early. If students are gone during their scheduled finals time, they will have to take the final when they return in January.