FRIDAY NEWS  
December 14, 2018

EARLY RELEASE NEXT FRIDAY
Please note that next Friday (12/21/2018) is an early release day! Please see below for school specific information.

WINTER BREAK OFFICE HOURS
Winter break in District 29 is from 12/22/2018 through 1/6/2019. Although some staff may be in and out of the District during the two weeks of break, this is generally a time when our staff take vacation days to spend time with family and friends. Please call before coming to one of our schools over the break to verify that someone is present. In case of emergency, please email me stangee@sunsetridge29.org or the building principal.

JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS
Beginning in January 2019, the PTO will bring the Junior Great Books reading program to students in 2nd and 3rd grade. The literature selected by the Junior Great Books organization challenges students, sparks their ideas, and promotes thoughtful discussion. The program is offered to students during their lunch period. Additional details and registration information, due December 19, 2018, were sent home in student’s backpacks. Please contact Margie Huber huber650@comcast.net with any questions.

WINTER CONCERTS
Please mark your calendar for the Middlefork and Sunset Ridge Winter Concerts next week! These are wonderful traditional events in the District and our students have been practicing hard to put on great shows!

PARENT ACADEMY WORKSHOP: ANXIETY/SCHOOL REFUSAL
Where: New Trier West High School; Northfield, IL  
When: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
More Info: This presentation will review specific interventions designed to assist children in managing their anxiety, as well as promote increased motivation, healthy goals setting and active school engagement for the child. Factors that contribute to avoidant behaviors, as well as ways to early identify maladaptive copy responses will be explored. Attendees leaving the presentation will have learned how to develop parenting strategies to assist their children with healthy coping
responses and engage them in effective communication and language that promotes self-advocacy and independence. Register online at www.nssed.org

Sincerely,
Edward J. Stange, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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**MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES**

**12/21/18 EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES** include THREE dismissal times: K@11:40 a.m.; 1st & 2nd grades @11:45; and 3rd grade @11:55. **Drivers should arrive at the time for their ELDEST child, not their youngest.** Younger students going home with 3rd graders will remain indoors until the later dismissal time. Drivers will use the full length of the driveway; early arrivals may be asked to exit and return at the later time. Thanks for sharing this with the person picking up your child. It helps us safely and efficiently dismiss 200 students to lots of cars within 20 minutes!

**2019-20 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** is 1/23/18, from 2-4:00 and 6-7:00 p.m. in the Middlefork lobby. This year, the parents of newly enrolling kindergartners will be required to demonstrate proof of residency in D29. This includes parents with children already attending Middlefork or Sunset Ridge. Instructions for verifying residency as well as registration information can be found on the Middlefork News homepage. Early enrollment figures are critical to staffing plans for the upcoming school year, so we appreciate everyone spreading the word and registering in January!

**WINTER BREAK & OFFICE HOURS:** There are no classes from 12/24/18-1/4/19. The Middlefork Office will be open January 3-4 from 8:30-3:30 p.m. In the event of something urgent, please contact the SRS office or email Dr. Greene @ greenem@sunsetridge29.org.

**JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS** is accepting registrations from 2nd and 3rd graders until Wednesday, 12/19. If you need another copy of the registration form, see the Middlefork webpage or contact Margie Huber, the chairperson for the D29 Great Books program.

**CODING KIDS WINTER SESSION:** The after-school section is closed but there are still seats available in the a.m classes for 1st-3rd graders on Wednesdays or Thursdays. If your child still wishes to sign up for a before school class, contact Mrs. Johnson as soon as possible at johnsonk@sunsetridge29.org.
2018 1st-2nd-3rd GRADE WINTER SING: Please join us this Wednesday evening, 12/19/18 for our annual winter concert. The show starts at 7:00 p.m., but students should report to their classrooms at 6:40 p.m.

THANK YOU to all of the second grade family members and friends who came out for the Learning Expo on Thursday afternoon. Our writers were thrilled to share their expert books with you!

REMINDEERS:
**Dedicated Dolphins are selling Winter Fun books made by the 2nd and 3rd graders. Suggested donation is $1/book. Proceeds benefit victims of California wildfires.**
**Register for Winter Chess via the Middlefork News page.**
**Practice Winter Sing songs @ http://sunsetridge29.ss18.sharpschool.com/cms/one.aspx?portalId=570623&pageId=1207342**

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND FAMILY-FILLED WINTER BREAK!

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http://www.sunsetridge29.org/schools/middlefork_school__k-3_

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SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

5th GRADE BAND AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT: Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our 5th grade musicians performing. The next concert will be on Tuesday night, December 18th at 7:00 pm and feature our junior high choir, band and orchestra.

GIRLS’ VOLLEYBALL: Although the incredible season has ended, we have another reason to celebrate our Varsity Girls’ Volleyball team. The championship banner - along with an “undefeated” sign has been hung in the gym. Check it out next time you’re at SRS!

LOST AND FOUND: We continue to have an excessive amount of items piling up in lost and found. We go through the items for names and return those with names to students. If items have no names and are not picked up by Friday, December 21st, we will be donating them to Goodwill.

EARLY DISMISSAL: All Sunset Ridge students will be dismissed at 12:00 on Friday, December 21st.

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#D29CONNECT UPDATES
We will be sharing updates each week about the different committees of #D29Connect. You can also access information on our website - click here for a direct link to the #D29Connect page!

We’ve been updating our web page! The video from the vaping presentation is currently posted there. In addition, we are beginning a “Resources for Grown-ups” page. We are seeking parents who have suggestions for resources to let us know so they can be shared with the community. These can include books, articles, podcasts, and websites. We put up some really interesting and current resources so please check it out!

UPCOMING AT SRS:

12/17
Marvel Club - 5th Grade recess
Girls’ Basketball vs. Glencoe - 4:00 pm
Boys’ Varsity Basketball @ Glencoe - 4:00 pm
6th Grade Basketball @ Baker - 4:00 pm

12/18
Junior High Holiday Concert - 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm - SRS Auditorium
6th Boys’ Basketball vs. NSCD - 4:00 pm

12/19
Girls’ Basketball @ Washburne White - 4:00 pm
Boys’ JV Basketball vs. Washburne White - 4:00 pm
6th Grade Basketball @ Rondout - 4:00 pm

12/20
Green Club - 7:30 am
NO BASKETBALL PRACTICE

12/21
Student Council - 7:45 am
Early Release at 12:00 pm

Happy Holidays! See you in 2019!

SUNSET RIDGE NEWS WEBPAGE