WINTER CONCERTS
I want to thank ALL of our artists and musicians for the wonderful performances this week! From our adorable Middlefork singers to the amazing Sunset Ridge band, orchestra, and choir performers. Each show was a special treat! I also want to thank and acknowledge our music teachers-Mrs. Rosen, Mrs. Baldwin, Ms. Logan, and Mr. Lewis for cultivating the skills and talents of our students!

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, our staff often 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.

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
As we all part to spend time with family and friends, I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you—students, families, and staff for the many blessings of District 29. This is truly a special place and I am honored and grateful to come to work here everyday. I hope you all enjoy a safe and restful break, and happy holidays!

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

MIDDLEFORK HEADLINES

**HAVE A SUPER CELEBRATION!** In the words of one of our favorite Winter Sing songs, “Have a Super Holiday,” too! On behalf of all of us at Middlefork School, thank you for entrusting your wonderful children to us everyday and for being such supportive partners in their education. We are so thankful to come to work everyday and be in the company of 194 sweet, smart, spirited Dolphins! Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and perhaps even restful winter break?!

**BUNDLE UP!** Despite the relatively balmy temps of late, winter *is* officially upon us, so please help your child prepare for outdoor recess everyday. In addition to a warm coat, students should have a hat (or hood) and gloves/mittens (preferably waterproof). Whenever there is snow on the ground, students must also have snow pants *AND* snow boots in order to have free reign on the playground. Students without either of these two items will be restricted to the plowed blacktop area (which is not easy when there’s fresh fallen snow). Winter Break is a good time to grab a Sharpie marker and label all of those items as well!

**KEEPING UP WITH MIDDLEFORK:** We’re just a click away. Bookmark the Middlefork home page, as the Middlefork *News* always contains the most current schoolwide information. Also critical is *this* regular Friday email blast, as well as the classroom newsletters, emails, and teacher webpages. Finally, check backpacks for PTO information and the occasional letter from yours truly… Yes, there’s lots of duplication, but we try to accommodate everyone’s preferred mode of communication!

**2019-20 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - NEW PROCEDURES:** Registration begins on 1/23/19, from 2-4:00 and 6-7:00 p.m. in the Middlefork lobby. All children should be five years of age by September 1, 2019, to be eligible for the 2019-2020 school year. *The registration process begins with residency verification, which includes three different forms of documentation, as well as a copy of one's homeowner's or renter's insurance.* This is true for ALL families, including those with older students presently registered in District 29. Additionally, parents or guardians of each prospective kindergarten student must provide the child's birth certificate (the school will make and retain a copy). Specific directions for the residency verification can be found under the Parent tab on the District 29 website <www.sunsetridge29.org>. Lastly, the registration evening is for parents and guardians; the prospective student need not be present. 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 12/24-1/4. 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.
KINDERGARTEN WINTER SING is 1/17/19 at 6:30 p.m.

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

SUNSET RIDGE HEADLINES

WINTER BREAK & OFFICE HOURS: There are no classes from 12/24/18-1/4/19. The Sunset Ridge Office will be open January 3-4 from 8:30-3:30 p.m. In the event of something urgent, please email Dr. Sukenik at sukeniki@sunsetridge29.org.

SRS STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT WEAR: Kick off the new year with new SRS gear! Make sure to check out the socks, beanie/winter hat, shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants galore! The sale starts December 21, 2018, and ends January 14, 2019. All proceeds go to Service League Organizations. Please go and check out our online store in the link below.
https://ultim8screenprinting.com/collections/srs-student-council

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: Have a wonderful break with your friends and family. Thank you for your support and appreciation - we are so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community! We wish our families only health, happiness and joy in 2019!

#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!

UPCOMING AT SRS AFTER BREAK:

1/7
Marvel Club - 5th Grade Recess
6th Grade Girls’ Basketball vs. Hillel Torah at Sunset Ridge - 5:15 pm

1/8
Girls’ Basketball vs. CHA at Sunset Ridge - JV - 4:00 pm, V - 5:00 pm
Boys’ JV Basketball at CHA - 4:00 pm

1/9
Cinderella Auditions - 3:30 pm
6th Grade Boys’ Basketball vs. Rondout at Sunset Ridge - 5:15 pm
**1/10**
Green Club - 7:30 am
Girls’ Basketball vs. Wilmette at Sunset Ridge - JV - 4:00 pm, V - 5:00 pm
Boys’ Varsity Basketball at Wilmette - 4:00 pm
Disney Trip Family Meeting - 7:00 pm - SRS Auditorium

**1/11**
Student Council - 7:45 am

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