

# Summit Speaks

## A Newsletter for Parents



### Special points of interest:

- Nov. 15—Flex Day
- Nov. 22—No School
- Nov. 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 5 Spelling Bee  
3:15 Cafe
- Dec. 11— Band Concert 7:00 PM
- Dec. 13— Choir Concert 7:00 PM
- Dec. 18— Winter Dance 6-8:00 PM
- Dec. 22—End of Semester
- Dec. 23— Winter Break Begins
- Jan. 9— School Resumes for Students
- Jan. 18—8th Grade Parent Night at HHS

### From the Principal

This school year, SACS has been approved for all students in grades 6-12 at Homestead, Summit, and Woodside to experience eLearning Flex Days. The eLearning Flex Day approval allows our schools to deliver content and learning activities to students electronically while teaching staff are provided professional learning opportunities designed to improve blended learning techniques and talents which then can be used in the 1 to 1 learning environment made possible by SACS student access to laptops and technology.

On October 24, Summit conducted its first official eLearning Flex Day of this school year. Summit teachers engaged in professional development during the morning hours.

During the November 15 eLearning Flex Day all students will be able to access assignments by 7:25AM, and teachers will be available for electronic office hours/contact time from noon to 2:55PM. All student work will be available via the district's learning management system (Canvas) and will be created to maintain momentum in the classroom by being designed as a meaningful continuation of activities already in progress in the traditional classroom. We encourage all students to stay home and experience the digital learning. However, please know that the school building will be open and buses will run on these eLearning Flex Days for students/parents who decide that is the best option for their family. Foodservice will provide breakfast and lunch as usual. Instructional assistants will supervise students in the Media Center and be available to provide help with technology, but teachers will not be available for face-to-face contact at any time during the day. After school activities and practices will continue on campus as usual.

We look forward to our continued growth in creating a blended learning environment and developing 21st century learners.

The remaining eLearning Flex Day is:  
**Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

### Summit's Fundraiser:

Preliminary results suggest the whole-school fundraiser was a huge success! Please know fundraiser product to be delivered by students is to be picked-up on Monday, November 20 between 2:45-6:00 PM.

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## November Events

### (H) Designates Home Game

- 8— End of 2nd 6 Weeks/TI
- 9— BB Jamboree (Boys & Girls) vs Woodside 5:00 PM
- 11— IBA Honor Band
- 12— IBA Honor Band
- 14— BB Boys (H) Blackhawk 5:00 PM
- 14— BB Girls @ Blackhawk Christian 5:00 PM
- 15— eLearning FLEX DAY
- 16— Boys BB (H) N. Haven 5:00 PM
- 16— Girls BB @ N. Haven 5:00 PM
- 20— Boys BB @ Norwell 5:00 PM
- 20— Girls BB (H) Norwell 5:00 PM
- 22— No School
- 23— No School Thanksgiving Holiday
- 24— No School Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27— Boys BB(H) Belmont 5:00 PM
- 27— Girls BB @ Belmont 5:00 PM
- 28— Boys BB @ Harding 5:00 PM
- 28— Girls BB (H) Harding 5:00 PM
- 30 — Boys BB (H) St. Charles 5:00 PM



## December Events

- 4— Boys BB @ Indian Springs 5:00 PM
- 4— Girls BB (H) Indian Springs 5:00 PM
- 5— Spelling Bee 3:15 PM CAFE
- 7— Boys BB (H) St. Eliz. 5:00 PM
- 7— Girls BB @ St. Eliz. 5:00 PM
- 9— Boys BB Tournament @ Lakeview 10 AM
- 11— Band Concert 7:00 PM
- 12— Boys BB @ Carroll 5:00 PM
- 12— Girls BB (H) Carroll 5:00 PM
- 13— Choir Concert 7:00 PM (CAFÉ)
- 14 — Musical Auditions (Choir Room) 3:00 PM
- 14— Boys BB @ Maple Creek M.S. 5:00 PM
- 14— Girls BB (H) Maple Creek M.S. 5:00 PM
- 15 — Musical Auditions (Choir Room) 3:00 PM
- 18— Winter Dance 6-8:00 PM
- 19— Boys BB (H) Edgewood 5:00 PM
- 22— End of 2nd Nine Weeks
- 22— End of 1st Semester

## Reporting Absences and Early Dismissals



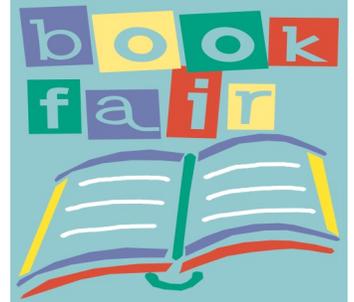
Please review the student handbook page 7-9 under attendance policy. **Summit Middle School requires parents/guardians to call the attendance line whenever their son/daughter is absent from school. This includes when a student will be late to school due to an appointment.** This policy is in place to ensure the safety of our students. Summit's attendance

secretary is required to make a phone call to all parents who have not reported their child's absence. Also, if your child has an early dismissal the policy is to send in a note with your student the morning of the appointment. The student is issued an early dismissal pass and is on the attendance list for the day. This alerts teachers as to why a particular student may not be in class.

**Your cooperation in both of these instances would be greatly appreciated.** It is very time consuming and causes interruptions to the classroom when these procedures are not followed.

## Book Fair

Library Media Center News: During the week of October 16 the media center hosted a Scholastic Book Fair which allowed students and teachers to add new books to their personal and classroom libraries. Additionally, the media center earned just over \$1700 in Scholastic Bucks which we will use to purchase library books and other materials. Our loose coin collection also generated \$64, which we used to purchase books for Kate's Kart (<https://kateskart.org/>), a local nonprofit that delivers new books to children in areas hospitals. We're grateful for the help of parent volunteers who worked at the book fair and whose assistance helped make the book fair so successful. In May 2018 we will host a "buy one-get one" book fair. Although this BOGO fair will not earn us any profits (the profits are extended to the kids who "get one" free), it is a great way for us to help students stock up for summer reading.



## Summit Band & Choir Concerts

### Upcoming Performance Dates:

#### Band Concert:

**December 11, 2017 7:00 PM**

#### Choir Concert:

**December 13, 2017 7:00 PM**

Summit's band and choir students have put in many hours practicing for their performances. To be a good audience please keep the following guidelines in mind when attending a concert:

- ◆ Younger siblings attending should be seated with an adult at all times. (They should not be in the commons area, gym, or back of cafeteria.)

- ◆ For safety reasons please do not allow younger siblings to be on or around the stage area at any time.
- ◆ Turn off all cell phones and beepers.
- ◆ If you must exit the cafeteria once the concert has begun, please wait to exit between songs.
- ◆ Your applause is welcome, however do not yell to specific participants.

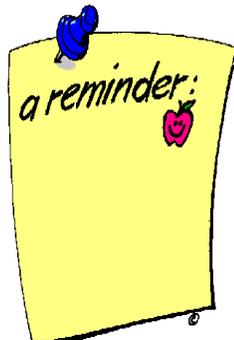
Thank you for making concerts at Summit a pleasant experience for everyone.

### Student Phone Calls to Parents

Please tell your child(ren) that if they call you during the day from a school phone, they need to leave a message in regard to why they are calling. All outgoing phone calls from Summit reflect the office phone number. The office has no way of knowing why your student is calling you or what they may need. Thank you in advance for reviewing this with your child(ren).

## Book Fees

Yearly book fee statements have been sent out and are due in November if not already paid. Please make checks payable to SACS and mail to : SACS, 4824 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. If you have any questions in regard to the fees, please contact Mrs. Wilson at 431-2030.



*“A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers.”*  
**Helen Keller**

## World Language Information for Current 6th Graders

Summit offers courses in three world languages: French, Latin, and Spanish. This elective class experience begins in seventh grade and continues into eighth grade. These courses provide the opportunity for high school credit and offer a rigorous academic experience with nightly homework. These courses may be more demanding than other electives. Because academic success in sixth grade is our best indicator for success in world language courses, sixth grade G.P.A. (grade point average) at the end of the first semester is used to determine placement if more requests are received than seats available. The scheduling process for the 2017-2018 school year will begin in January. Please know that a student who does not take a world language in middle school may start this experience in high school.

## Perfect Attendance

Southwest Allen County Schools works to foster the development of good attendance habits for a variety of reasons. We believe that when a student misses a day of school, that day of education cannot be retrieved in its entirety.

Summit regularly reinforces good attendance. At the end of each month, three student

names from each grade level who have had perfect attendance for the month are drawn for the prize of a movie ticket.

Congratulations to the September winners:

**6th Grade:** Josiah Exford, Carolyn Kenetic, Gage Pifer

**7th Grade:** Makayla Henline, Katherine Quinton, Veronica Wesner

**8th Grade:** Erica Cho, Austin Masnberger, Brian Waltz



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## PTO-THANKS



From Summit Staff:

Thank you to all the volunteers who provided the evening meal for staff on the day of Parent Teacher Conferences. The meal was delicious and was truly appreciated by all staff.



Spelling Bee: The school spelling bee will be held on Dec. 5, starting at 3:15 P.M. in the Summit cafeteria. Parents and friends are welcome to come and watch as students spell their way through the word list. Students interested in entering the spelling bee should stop by the media center to sign up and to pick up a practice word list. The school's winner and first runner-up will receive a plaque and the winner will represent the school at the Allen County Spelling Bee in February. Questions can be directed to Ben Moore, SMS media specialist.

An Evening for PARENTS of Current Eighth Graders



Homestead High School Class of 2022

# Save the Date!

## Ensuring Successful Ninth Grade Transitions



Preparing Today's Learners for Tomorrow's Opportunities



Due to limited space, current SACS Eighth Grade Parents should watch their e-mail for the assigned session time with your son's/daughter's Ninth Grade Counselor and additional information about this special evening!!!

### Topics

STARTING Spartan STRONG

PREPARING Students for SUCCESS: Course Options and Diploma Path

EMBRACING RIGOR: Honors, Dual Credit and Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Senior Experience

### Exhibitors

Guidance  
Department Heads  
Electives  
Co-curricular activities  
Extracurricular activities

Thursday\*  
January

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Time | 6:00 - 8:30 pm

QUESTIONS: Jennifer Bay, Assistant Principal HHS [jbay@sacs.k12.in.us](mailto:jbay@sacs.k12.in.us)  
Special Thanks: Olin B. and Dora Schwab Foundation College and Career Readiness Grant

\* In the event of cancellation due to weather, the program will be held on Tuesday, Jan 23, 2018