

Cougar Catch: January 6th, 2017

Backpack Items:

March Madness: Parent Letter, Save the Date Millburn Foundation – Scholarship "Screenagers" screening at District 117 Carmel Basketball Flier Frosty Fest – Gurnee Park District

Calendar Link:

<u>Welcome Back:</u> Always exciting to kick off 2017 with your students! It is great to be back and we could not have asked for a better 1st week in 2017. Well, okay we could have asked for warmer weather!

<u>High School Visit:</u> The four high schools in our area conducted an 8th grade visit this week on Wednesday. Students met with reps from the high school they will attend and heard about high school life, upcoming meetings and class registration details. They also got a great opportunity to ask questions. The two most popular questions they asked: "Do we get to use our phones?"

"How much passing time is built in-between periods?"

It is clear that they are all excited and some a bit nervous about this transition. Our experience is that our kids do very well in each high school.

Grayslake will arrange times on January 19th to come to MMS to register students for classes. You will get information on this from GLNHS.

<u>Technology Campus at CLC</u>: The Tech Campus invites you and your students to their "Tour of Tech" event on Thursday, January 12th from 4:30 to 7:30. See their flyer in the virtual backpack.

<u>Community High School District 117</u> invites the Millburn Middle School Families to a screening of SCREENAGERS at Antioch Community High School on February 2, 2016,

at 3:30 PM or 6:30 PM. Screenager is a documentary film explores the adolescent use of electronics. It depicts the struggles over social media, video games, academics, and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. We are excited to offer the opportunity for parents and students to view SCREENAGERS together and start a dialogue within their households on this important digital age topic.

<u>Millburn Education Foundation Scholarship:</u> The Millburn Education Foundation will be offering three scholarships again this school year. Please see the backpack for more information regarding the scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Konicki at mkonicki@millburn24.net.

Take care, Jake Jorgenson