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Principally Speaking.

Hello Parents & Guardians...

The 2nd semester is off to a fast and furious start! Your son and or daughter may have experienced a change to their daily schedule due to the following changes:

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✚ Implementation of Saghalie's Engineering Program - This is an elective offering for students in the 7th grade. The goal is to grow and expand our offerings next school year.

✚ We added an additional math/science teacher - We are excited to have Ms. Jaymi Arlot teaching 6th grade Math and 8th grade Science.

✚ Due to health, Mrs. Han, resigned her position as choir teacher. Mr. Tim Shrout brings 27 years of experience and a reputation for building strong vocal programs that have participated in numerous contests and competitions over the years, from large group contests, where they received superior ratings, to winning the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival several years running. His Jazz choir program also represented the State of Washington at the Branson, Missouri show choir competition where his students received the highest rating.

Other News...

Many schools across the county are participating in the National No-Name Calling week. Saghalie's Anti-Defamation League team, comprised of students and staff, will engage our **Learning Community** in educational activities aimed at ending name-calling and verbal bullying of all kinds. The goal is to provide students and staff with the tools and inspiration to launch an ongoing dialogue about ways to eliminate name-calling in their communities. Next week (February 8-12) students and staff will begin the ongoing dialogue to include the viewing of an eight minute video that brings attention to the names that many of our students encounter/hear in hallways every day. Strategies to combat these names and hurtful words will follow. If you would like to do more research, please visit the "Resources" section of the "No-Name Calling Week" Web-site @ www.nonamecallingweek.org

Upcoming Breaks

Mid-Winter Break
2/15 & 16, 2010

Spring Break
3/29 - 4/2, 2010

District Data Day
4/30/2010

Every student a reader.....

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**24 Hour
Attendance
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HIV/STD Prevention Curriculum Preview

Thursday, February 18, 2010
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Educational Service Center
Board Room
31405 - 18th Avenue S
Federal Way, WA 98003

Computer Elective Classes @ Saghalie

The computer elective program will see a change for the 2nd semester in grades 6 and 7. In order to accommodate the need to prepare students for the new state MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) test, all 6th and 7th graders will funnel through the computer lab in 1 or 2 week sessions during their PE class. This change will enable Mr.

Herberholz to ensure they have the skills necessary to successfully complete this new assessment.

The 8th grade computer classes will continue to be Yearbook and Web Design

Big Climb for Leukemia

2009 1,311 Steps, 69 Flights of Stairs, 700+ Vertical Feet.

Sounds like fun right!! Once again Saghalie is putting together a team of students, parents, staff, and friends to climb the Columbia Center in Seattle on Sunday, March 21, 2010. The cost is \$25. You will need to register online at www.bigclimb.org. In order to get this price you will need to enter the discount code which is "Skyhawks". If you don't feel up to the climb we are accepting

donations that will be used as scholarships for students who may otherwise not participate. This is a fun and energizing event that is used to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. If you would like more information please contact Teague Koehler at 253-945-5072 or tkoehler@fwps.org.



SCHOOL HOURS
(253) 945-5000, 24 HR
ATTENDANCE LINE: (253) 945-5090
SAGHALIE STUDENT HOURS: 8:00 AM - 2:45 PM
SAGHALIE STAFF HOURS: 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
SAGHALIE OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Soaring Skyhawks Study Club

The AmeriCorps Volunteers at Saghalié Middle School run a daily after school program from 2:45 - 3:30 in the school's library (except on Fridays). Students are provided with a snack, a safe and academically productive environment, access to computers for school work, and homework help should they need it. Study Club regularly has 20 or more students in attendance each day; however, we have plenty of room in the library for more students to come in, get help with their homework, and complete their assignments. There is no bus available after Study Club, so students who attend will need to walk home or arrange for a ride. Permission slips are available from any of the three AmeriCorps Volunteers at Saghalié, the school's main office, and also online from Saghalié's webpage (scroll to the bottom, center column).

Guitar Club

Guitar Club is a group of students who meet before school every Wednesday, from 7:15 - 7:45, to learn more about their guitars. There is no cost to attend; however, students must provide their own guitar and guitar strings. All levels of guitar learners are welcome! Please see Mr. Boeder for a permission slip or pick one up in the office.



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Decatur High School Planning Night!!

High school planning nights (HSPN) are a chance for parents and students to learn about programs and opportunities available around the district. School staff will be on hand to help students and parents determine the high school graduation plan they need to follow in order to achieve their post high school goals. Students and parents will choose the specific plan that will guide their course selection for the next four years. Federal Way HSPN is February 4, Decatur HSPN is February 8, Todd Beamer HSPN is February 10. Each event begins at 6:00 PM.

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Grade Threshold Call-Out System

What is it? An automated call-out system notifying families their student is in danger of not passing one or more classes using our Connect Ed system.

Why are we doing this? The Superintendent wants regular calls made from school to home informing families if their child is in danger of failing because there is a communication gap between schools and home regarding when a student has fallen behind. There are a variety of reasons for this, grades are not updated and posted regularly on-line, parents can't access or don't access grades on-line, teachers have too many students to call and limited time, etc.

When?

- Begin call-out system in March 2010
- Families will be called when their student's grade hits 69%
- Calls will be made on Tuesdays in the evening
- Calls will be made every 2 weeks

The message will be something like, "Your student is in danger of failing one or more subjects at this time. You will need to check their grades on-line, contact the classroom teacher, contact your student's counselor or call the school to leave a message with your name, phone number and the teacher you are trying to reach."

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Upcoming Events

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- 2/8-10 Washington Language Proficiency Testing
- 2/9 Boy's Varsity & JV Basketball Jamboree
- 2/11 Boys' Basketball @ Sequoyah, 3:40 PM
Boys' C-Team Basketball vs. Sequoyah
- 2/15-16 Mid-Winter Break-NO SCHOOL**
- 2/19 Boys' Basketball vs. Kilo, 3:40 PM
- 2/23 Boys' Basketball @ Totem, 3:40 PM
Boys' C-Team Basketball vs. Totem, 3:40 PM
- 2/25 Boys' Basketball @ Lakota, 3:40 PM
Boys' C-Team Basketball vs. Lakota, 3:40
- 2/26 Varsity Gymnastics @ Totem, 4:15 PM
- 3/2 JV Gymnastics vs. Illahee, 4:15 PM
- 3/3 Varsity Gymnastics vs. Kilo, Sacajawea, Sequoyah & Totem, 4:15 PM
- 3/4 Boys' Basketball @ Sacajawea, 3:40 PM
Boys' C-Team Basketball vs. Sacajawea, 3:40 PM
- 3/9 JV Gymnastics vs. Totem & Lakota @ Kilo, 4:00 PM
- 3/10 Varsity Gymnastics vs. Lakota, Sequoyah & Sacajawea @ Sacajawea, 4:15 PM
- 3/11 Boys' Basketball vs. Sequoyah, 3:40 PM
Boys' C-Team Basketball @ Illahee, 3:40
- 3/16 JV Gymnastics vs. Sacajawea, 4:15 PM
Boys' Basketball @ Kilo, 3:40 PM
Saghalie Concert, 7:00 PM
- 3/17 Varsity Gymnastics vs. Illahee & Sacajawea @ Illahee 4:15 PM
- 3/18 Boys' Basketball vs. Totem, 3:40 PM
- 3/23 Boys' Basketball vs. Lakota, 3:40 PM
- 3/23 Varsity Gymnastics District Meet @ Kilo, 4:15 PM
- 3/29 – 4/2 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL**

FYI

Music Notes

Please watch for information from your music student on the following upcoming music activities:

- Solo Ensemble contest Saturday, March 6th
- Winter concert Tuesday, March 16th



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