



Dragon Team

Wilson Middle School

Class of 2014 Second Quarter

Mr. Anderson—Music

The Holiday Concert is around the corner! Monday, December 14th the Wilson Choirs, featuring *Concert Choir*, *Chorale*, and *Cutting Edge*, will present their Holiday Concert at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. in the Garfield Auditorium. Call time for all groups is 6:00 p.m. and the students must be dressed in their concert attire (please refer to the Choir Handbook for complete concert attire). Please plan on attending only one of the performances and please plan on transportation home at the end of the evening (8:10 p.m.). Due to the overwhelming support the past few years we had to add another performance because there was not enough room in the auditorium for everyone. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Davis—Science

College Prep Students are preparing for Olympiad to be held Saturday, December 5 at the HFS. (By the time this comes to press, it will be over.) They will prepare ahead for some events and for others just show up and have fun.

Honors students have begun working on their Science projects to be completed and presented in February. All students have completed studying the physics portion of the curriculum. The semester closes out with life science and genetics. Be sure to look for all the families of Grinches that they will be “producing.” Remember the textbook can be accessed on line my.hrwc.com, user name: *science*, password: *science1*

Mr. Argentati—Physical Education

The Physical Education classes have been busy learning about basketball, football, golf, tennis and bowling. The participation has been wonderful, and the students’ attitudes have been great. We are also learning about good behavior through our Character Development Boards.

We are looking forward to our winter break, final exams, and then changing from gym to art and vice-versa. As always, continue to stress the importance of proper footwear and participation to your students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

Ms. Muscarella—English/Reading

Students in Ms. Muscarella's Honors Language Arts class will be spending the next few weeks studying grammar. We'll review the correct use of apostrophes and commas, and also study how to tell the difference between compound and complex sentences. Students will be completing a final picture book project to show application of their skills. College Prep students continue to read the novel, *My Brother Sam is Dead*, a historical fiction story set during the Revolutionary War. Students will complete a mini-project in which they design their own flags.

Mr. Worley—Pre-Algebra/Algebra

In Honors Algebra 1, we are finishing up our study of polynomials and laws of exponents. Recently, students have been practicing applying these concepts to various types of real world applications. Our next topic of study will involve solving problems through factoring polynomials.

Pre-Algebra has been working hard on linear equations and graphing on the coordinate plane. The next topic we will be studying involves algebraic relationships, such as sequences, non-linear equations, and polynomials.

Students should continue to expect homework on a daily basis as the quarter progresses. Please encourage them to stay on top of this and to continue asking questions whenever they are experiencing difficulty.

Mr. Fuerbacher—Social Studies

Mr. Fuerbacher's American History classes will be studying the Constitution and Bill of Rights up until the holiday break. It is important that they understand the government and its powers in order to understand the constitutional issues that emerged and caused division in the 1800s. After examining this new theoretical government, we will study how it worked in practice under George Washington.

Mrs. Proctor—English/Reading

Mrs. Proctor's English and reading classes will continue to cover spelling, vocabulary, grammar, reading, and writing. In writing, they will focus on controlling their paper by writing a good introductory paragraph with a thesis statement, writing paragraphs to support their thesis statements, and writing appropriate conclusions. They will strive to include transitions and to write more varied sentences. The two writings this quarter are the Cause and Effect paper and the business letter. The reading classes will read *My Brother Sam is Dead*. This quarter they will also read several nonfiction pieces and poetry. Students will continue to read self-selected materials. We look forward to a great quarter of learning and growing academically.



Happy Holidays

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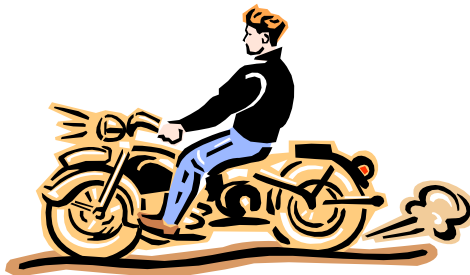
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Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com



Organization

Your business tag line here.

We're on the Web!

example.microsoft.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your

organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.



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If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third

Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.