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Dear Parents and Guardians:

At the writing of this letter, the cold has set in and decided to stay. May this letter find you healthy and warm. First semester is wrapping up. January 19 is the final day of Quarter 2, as well as first semester. January

22 will be a day of teacher training/workshop and second semester will begin on Tuesday, January 23.

Please check online for missing assignments, grade concerns, or questions with the JMC portal. If you have any questions or concerns, email the teacher(s) directly. Also worth noting, you can set your JMC notifications for when your student is missing an assignment or drops below a cut score of your choosing. These notifications are very helpful and can save both you and your student a lot of time.

Finally, below are the announcement for the upcoming student assembly, and the evening event for parents that were sent in the December newsletter. It is with gratitude that we are able to have Cory Greenwood present a very moving session on mental health, suicide prevention, and making positive choices. All students grades 7-12 will attend the assembly. Please consider attending the evening session. Students are welcome and invited to attend the evening session with their parents.

Warm wishes for you and your family,

Carey Johnson

PPHS Principal

7-12 Student Assembly January 8, 2018: 2:00 p.m. West Gym

Cory Greenwood, Minnesota father and motivational speaker, will be speaking with students on January 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the large gym. Cory's message is one of hope and possibility. Cory will tell his story of becoming a father at a very young age and enduring the gut-wrenching pain of losing his father to suicide, both happening in a short amount of time. Through these difficult life changes, Cory struggled to make positive, appropriate choices for himself all while dealing with panic attacks and anxiety. He will speak about how he made it through the most difficult time of his life, the skills he obtained, and will push students to believe in themselves when times are the toughest. Parents are welcome to join us for this moving and important assembly. This assembly is made possible through a grant by the James McKnight Suicide Awareness Group. For further information regarding Cory Greenwood and his program, you can read his story at www.corygreenwood.com

Parent Assembly January 8, 2018: PPHS Media Center 6:30 p.m.

Cory Greenwood will be speaking to students during the school day on January 8, 2018. He will also bring his story to PPHS for a community conversation in the PPHS Media Center that evening. He will be telling his story and discussing student and family mental health. All parents, guardians, and community members are invited to attend the open dialogue. You may bring your students, grades 7-12. This conversation is made possible through a grant by the James McKnight Suicide Awareness Group.

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PaySchools

Parkers Prairie Schools is now working with Pay Schools to allow parents to do online payments for lunch accounts. If all goes smoothly, we hope to rollout PaySchools for other fees in the future. User reviews are in, and it is easy and convenient for parents to use.



There is a link at the school website with further details. www.isd547.com

Panther Hour is for Student Support²



Students who are behind in class, have incomplete scores, or are earning an NC (No Credit) for at least one class are required to attend Panther Hour with that teacher until the student's grades are complete and/or passing. Our school day has been designed to embed time during the day for students to meet with their teachers. If your child has an NC on their progress report, they are required to attend the Panther Hour session.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- January 2: School resumes
- January 8: Speaker Cory Greenwood, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- January 19: Last Day of Semester 1
- January 22: Teacher workshop: No School
- January 23: First Day of Semester 2- Check for Semester 2 schedules ahead of time
- February 19-20: Presidents Day Break: No School

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