



Hints for Homework

Amy has her evening planned. She'll do her math homework before dinner, then follow up with English and science. Afterwards, she can unwind from a busy day.

start with the hard stuff. This "save the easiest for last" strategy will help your student finish on a

schoolers have time during study period or a flex hour to tackle homework at school. Encourage

your child to complete assignments during those times during the school day.



Think Positive

Help your student

see homework as a chance to prove his independence by getting his work done on time and doing it by himself.

Boost his confidence by telling him, "Homework gives you a chance to show all that you know." And give him a thumbs-up when he does just that.

Source: *Middle Years*, Spring 2016

Sound impossible? It's not. Help your middle schooler make homework go like clockwork with these strategies.

Think It Through

Before you youngster begins, have her make a to-do list. *Example:* write a poem, read a history chapter, solve 10 math problems.

Then, suggest that she number the tasks, from toughest to easiest, and

high note, perhaps inspiring her to get in some extra studying.

Think About Time

Ask you child to consider different time slots she can use to get work done. For instance, maybe she could set aside a weekend morning or Sunday night.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8th Grade Real World Program	April 5
Little Trojan Track Meet Hosted by Charleston MS	April 7
4th Quarter Progress Reports	April 13
NS/JHS/HS Chorus Concert Location: Marshall JHS	April 16
NS/JHS/HS Band Concert Location: Marshall JHS	April 19
LEIC Scholastic Tournament Hosted by Jasper County JHS	April 21
Ed Loeb Invitational Track Meet Hosted by Lawrenceville Parkview	April 21
LEIC Conference Track Meet Hosted by Casey-Westfield JHS	April 28
IESA Scholastic Bowl Regional Hosted by Danville North Ridge	April 25
8th Grade Dance 6:30-8:30pm (MJHS Gym)	May 5
Sports Awards Night 7:00pm (MJHS Gym)	May 7
Academic Awards Night 7:00pm (MJHS Gym)	May 8
8th Grade Trip / 7th Grade Grill-in	May 10
8th Grade Science Fair	May 16

Message from the Principal

As the days become a bit longer and weather turns warmer "spring fever" starts to present itself in our daily lives, especially in a junior high student.

For students, the end of the year is in sight and the excitement for summer begins. However, there are many weeks left in the year and this homestretch is extremely valuable to students' academic accom-

plishments. Many times during this time of year teachers have some of their larger projects and assignments that they have been working up to throughout the year. Please remind your student to continue to give great effort and focus in their schoolwork and behavior. Too often, "spring fever" takes over and efforts and actions start to lack and then the end of

the year becomes a struggle for students and parents alike.

We are proud of all of our students and wish for them to stay the course and finish strong. Hopefully, you will continue to emphasize this in the closing weeks.

It's a great day to be a Lion Cub!
Tony Graham, MJHS Principal



MJHS News Shorts



One Last Dance



The junior high booster club will be sponsoring a final dance for all Marshall 8th graders. It will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 6:30-8:30pm in the MJHS gym. This year's theme is Hawaiian Luau. Admission is \$2.00.

MJHS Music Students Shine

On March 17, Marshall JHS participated in the IESA Solo and Ensemble competition hosted by Paris Crestwood. There are eleven schools that compete in this. Out of all of the school Marshall JHS student received 7 out of 11 Best of Day Awards. Keep up the great work!



Baseball & Softball at Marshall JHS



We are excited to announce that starting with the 2018-2019 school year, Marshall JHS will offer baseball and softball to our junior high students. Information will soon be provided to students along with information about student and parent meetings.

8th Grade Trip Information

Each spring, at the beginning of May, Marshall 8th grade students have the opportunity to travel on an end of the year field trip. This is a trip that is a privilege and is earned throughout the school year. Parents and student will be notified with a letter home of their student's trip eligibility within the week. For a student to earn this trip they must meet acceptable criterion in three areas:

Academics

* Students earning trip privilege may not have more than one failing class per quarter

Attendance

* Students earning trip privilege may not have an unexcused absence during the year

Conduct

* Students earning trip privilege may not have more than two afterschool detentions and no In-school or Out-of School sus-

Welcome to the Real World!



The 8th Grade Math Students in Mrs. Huffington's class are learning what it's like to be a part of the "Real World". After

PARCC testing, the students took on the persona of a "25 year old, who is single with no children and has completed the necessary requirements of their chosen profession". On day one, a decent annual salary was put on the board. After breaking the salary down into monthly payments, taking out taxes and paying all necessary bills, it was easy for the students to see how quickly money is spent. Since then, the students have selected their career, learned the difference between a Want and Need, how to write checks and balance their checkbook, talked about the difference between a Debit and Credit Card and how to use and manage both accounts. The students then had the chance to complete their own simulation, sponsored by the U of I Extension Office, lead by Jessie Crews and assisted by many other community members and organization. We would like to thank to all of the local business leaders, city leaders, and volunteers for their time and advice that was shared with our students.

Sixth Grade Orientation

The Jr. High PAWS group is making plans for helping our sixth graders transition to the Jr. High. Annually, 7th grade PAWS members visit each sixth grade classroom and talk about information regarding Jr. High life and answer any questions students may have at that time. Our classroom visits at North are scheduled for April 30th and May 2nd this year. In addition, 8th grade PAWS members will guide a tour of the Jr. High to each of the sixth grade groups. Our tours are scheduled for May 3rd. These efforts continue to be beneficial in helping incoming students feel more at ease in this transition.

March Students of the Month

Each month will have a different character trait that will be focused on when selecting deserving students. This month's character trait was

Determination - Taking control and responsibility for one's life, and experiencing the consequences of our choices.

Congratulations to our March Students of the Month!



7th Graders: Naomi Strohm & Connor Compton
8th Graders: Nicholas Brown & Maya Osborn (Not pictured)