



THE SHOWALTER COMMUNICATOR

November 2, 2015

- **Principal's Message:** Thank you to all who were able to join us earlier in the year for open house. It was truly a pleasure to see all our parents and families. We hope you enjoyed the session style format and that you found it useful and informative. We all look forward to seeing you again at our parent conferences, which will be held this month. Fall conferences will be on Tuesday November 10th and Thursday, November 12th. On Tuesday, students will be dismissed at 11:30. The first round of conferences will run from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Thursday, students will again be dismissed at 11:30 and conferences will run from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday will be an early release for students as well. We hope that you will have the opportunity to visit with your student's classroom teachers as well as their advisor. Please make a special effort to meet with your student's advisor as well. Thank you for your continued support.
- **Parking Lot Safety:** It is vital to the safety of all, that parents and students understand and follow our procedure for picking up and dropping off at school. Pick up and drop off should only be going on at the front of the school. The back parking lot is for buses only. When picking up and dropping off, cars need to travel at a safe speed, 5 mph. Along the front of the school there is a lane and parking spots available for picking up and dropping off. There are two lanes in front of the school. The left lane is for moving traffic. Please do not stop in the left lane. It creates backups that extend to the street and creates dangerous conditions for other drivers. Please do not have students cross the lot to meet your car in the parking area loop. Crossing in front of the parked and moving cars is very dangerous and students could be injured. We appreciate your cooperation with these important safety procedures.
- **Literacy Night:** Warm up with a Good Book! SAVE the Date for Showalter's Literacy Night on December 17th, from 5:00-8:00. This event will include Parent/Guardian Learning sessions, student activities, raffles, FREE Dinner and FREE book giveaway. Mark your calendars for this exciting event!
- **Message from The Counseling Team:** We would like to make sure all parents know that we are here to be a resource for you and for their children. We can help with things like academic motivation, college/career exploration, conflict mediation, and a wide variety of other issues and topics. We also want to let you know that if you are unable to attend conferences, but would like to meet with their child's teachers, you can contact one of us and we can set up a meeting. Ms. Grosche 206-901-7833 and Mr. Gregg 206-901-7816.
- **Lunch Applications:** Please remember that if your student receives free or reduced lunch, their application must be renewed annually. As of this month, the grace period has ended and families that have not filled out the new application have had their account status changed to PAID. We do not want to have a situation where students are unable to get a lunch. Please contact food services at 206-901-7823 if you have questions about your account. Application forms are available from food service and in the main office.

- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - November 10th Early Release for students at 11:30 AM
 - November 10th Fall Conferences 12:00-7:00
 - November 11th No School, Veteran’s Day Holiday
 - November 12th Early Release for students at 11:30 AM
 - November 12th Fall Conferences 12:00-4:00
 - November 13th Early Release for students at 11:30 AM
 - November 24th Early Release for students at 11:30
 - November 25th Thanksgiving Holiday
 - November 26th & 27th Thanksgiving Break

- **College Bound Scholarship:** It is never too early to think about college for your student, even in middle school. The State of Washington has the College Bound Scholarship program available for students. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must:
 - Be currently enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade and apply by June 30th of their 8th grade year
 - Submit the college bound scholarship application
 - Graduate from a Washington high school or home school
 - Maintain a cumulative high school GPA of at least a 2.0
 - Be a good citizen and stay crime free
 - Apply for admission to an eligible college in Washington
 - Complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Meet the family income requirements at the time of graduation
 - Be a resident of Washington

For more information contact our Career and College Specialist, Ms. Fichamba at 206-901-7822 or call 1-888-535-0747. To complete the application online please visit: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/PreparingForCollege/CollegeBound>

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