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Coordinator's Message

It was a short week, but a great one at Hoboken Middle School. We are already half-way through the first marking period, (can you believe it?). Interim report cards are available on Genesis through the Parent Portal. If you need help accessing this or signing up, please reach out to our guidance counselor Mr. Cooley.

Parent teacher conferences are on October 26th. We will be holding two sessions, 1:30-3:00 and 5:00-6:30. Please be on the lookout for more information on scheduling your conference.

Challenge Day is November 3rd. This is going to be an amazing day and we want you to be a part of it. If you would like to volunteer,

please e-mail me. It truly is a special day.

As you can see from the pictures, our students are engaged in the classroom. Our teachers are the best and they create lessons that challenge and support our students.

Both 7th and 8th graders have completed their first novel and are getting ready to move on to the next.

We will be participating in the Veteran's Day Essay Contest. This will be done through our Social Studies teachers: Mr. Taglieri for 7th grade and Mr. D'Bernado for 8th. Students will be writing about a veteran, past or present, whom they admire. The

essay will be worked on in class and at home over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to our September Students of the Month:

7th Grade: Rocco Riccardi

8th Grade: Eve Gutierrez

Well deserved by both!

As always, we thank you for allowing us to educate your children. Please feel free to reach out to me with any suggestions you may have about our program.

Upcoming Events

October 14, 2016—Interim reports for MPI available on Parent Portal

October 26, 2016—Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:00-7:00 pm;
Hoboken High School Open House, 6:00-8:00 pm

November 3, 2016—Challenge Day

Lunch forms and emergency cards are due. If you need a new one, please contact us. If you have a 7th grader, please send in a completed health history form.

Senses Evoked in Writing

This week in Ms. Geleailen's classes, students were working on personal narratives. It is a chance for students to reflect and use their skills to create a vivid picture of a certain experience that has led them to learn a

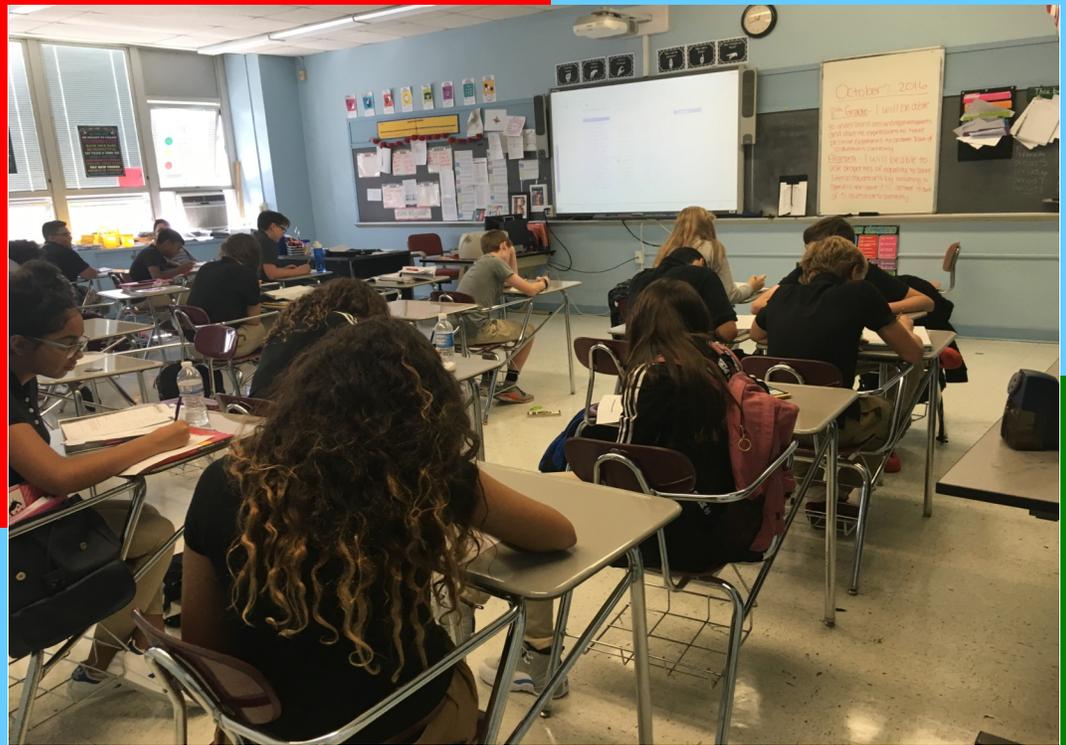
specific lesson which they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. They are learning about descriptive and sensory writing, all while learning new techniques to hook their readers.



"It's more important than ever for our youth to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to solve tough problems, gather and evaluate evidence, and make sense of information. These are the types of skills that students learn by studying science, technology, engineering, and math—subjects collectively known as STEM."
—US Department of Education

Algebra News

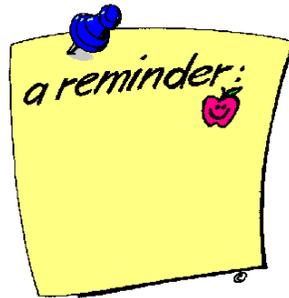
In Ms. Richard's Algebra 8 class we have been learning how to work in groups. We are currently focusing on solving literal equations and rewriting formulas.



According to the CDC, 49.6 % of children 6 months to 17 years received an influenza vaccination during the past 12 months. Was your child one of them?

Number the Stars, a novel of the Holocaust, offers many lessons on resilience, standing up for others, and bravery.

Notes from the Nurse



Flu season is upon us. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that eve-

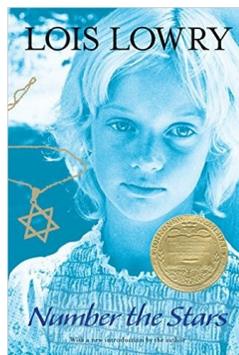
ryone aged 6 months old and up get a flu shot by the end of October. According to the CDC, the flu shot can “reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.” For more infor-

mation on the flu vaccine, visit www.cdc.gov.

Have you remembered to send in your entrance physical form and parent information sheet for your 7th grader? All these things keep your child healthy and safe in school.



Number the Stars



This week, Ms. Mino-gue’s 7th graders reading *Number the Stars* wrote about how Mrs. Johansen demonstrated bravery when the Nazi soldiers came to Uncle Henrik's house looking for Jews

and the people there were pretending someone died by placing a casket in the living room. Students then worked in small groups to create exemplars.

All about Government

In Mr. Taglieri's 7th grade social studies classes, students are learning about the thirteen colonies. They will compare and contrast the roles of men and women in society then and now, and will also learn how our current system of government evolved from early

legal precedents such as the Magna Carta and English Common Law.

Tying in with election season, students will compare how we choose our leaders today with how the colonists chose their leaders and how laws were made.



In comparison with other men of their time, the Americans were distinguished by the possession of new political and social ideas, which were destined to be the foundation of the American commonwealth.
—Albert Bushnell Hart

Club Schedule

Debate Club: Monday and Tuesdays

Service Club: Tuesday and Thursday

Student Newspaper: Monday and Wednesday

Yearbook: Tuesday and Thursday

Sewing and Crafts: Tuesdays

You will notice that some clubs meet on more than one day. This is to give students a chance to belong to more than one club, by offering a choice of days. Please encourage your child to sign up for a club.

Challenge Day is Coming

On November 3rd, Hoboken Middle School students will have a chance to participate in Challenge Day, a nationally recognized, powerful, high energy experiential learning process with the goal of

increasing personal power and self-esteem. Programs like Challenge Day are opportunities to shift dangerous peer pressure to positive peer support, and to eliminate the acceptability of teasing, vio-

lence and all forms of oppression. At the end of the day, the majority of students leave feeling bonded to each other and committed to making a difference.

Please watch for and sign your child's permission slip for Challenge Day.

Contact Us

We are happy to communicate with you to help your children achieve. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff at the email addresses listed below. You can also email teachers from within the Genesis Parent Portal. If you need to call the school, our number is (201) 356-7325.

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