

February 21, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The middle school experience builds a strong foundation for the academic challenges that face students when they enter high school. It is our policy that we provide all students with a quality education including all necessary skills needed to move on to the next grade level. Our final goal for all graduates is that they are able to succeed and compete in a global society.

Our team of teachers holds a high regard for the requirements necessary to move on to the next grade. All students should be passing most of his or her classes to do this. At this time, we feel that your child may be in academic danger of failing one or more classes. To move on to the next grade your child must improve his or her academic performance for the next marking period.

Since improvement is necessary at this time, we ask for your assistance in this matter. Please help your child complete any homework he or she is assigned, discuss the importance of doing well this marking period, and encourage them to ask for help in school when necessary.

In addition to the strategies listed above, Mrs. O'Neil is offering an educational support group for students who may be at-risk of failing classes or who could use some assistance with preparing for high school. The group is described below. Your child will be asked to join this group. The group will meet once a week during their lunchtimes.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call or email Mrs. O'Neil at the Middle School. The phone number is 517-592-2181. An email can be directed to oneilc@myeagles.org.

Sincerely,

Mr. Greg Meschke, Principal

Christi O'Neil, School Counselor

8th Grade Team, Jim Blanton, Barb Dagenais, Megan Hall, Lisa Kennell, Leslie Schmidt, and Donna Stein

Educational Support Group

For students who may lack appropriate study skills in one or more areas. Students in this group will develop learning strategies that will be necessary for the high school curriculum. Some include prioritizing, organizational skills, and test-taking skills. Finally, students will share ideas on staying focused and motivated in the classroom.