



LIONS PRIDE



DATES

2 Board of Education Meeting
6:30

10 Holiday Gift Shop Begins

10 Leader of the Month
11:45 - 12:15

16 Board of Education Meeting
6:30

18 Fall Music Program
1:30

20 60 Minute Early Dismissal

23 NO SCHOOL
Winter Break Begins

Students Return
to School
Friday,
January 3rd



Chronic Absenteeism

Every family and staff member knows and agrees that the more students are in school, the more they will learn. We want to stress the importance of good school attendance, and now, so does the state of Illinois.

Attendance is now a major factor on our annual school report card. Every year schools are rated on several factors to determine our yearly school score. 20% of our score is measured by our chronic absenteeism. Unlike truancy, chronic absenteeism includes any absence from school, even excused absences.

A student is considered chronically absent if they miss 10% or more days of school in a school year - again, these are any days they miss. With a couple of sick days a year and a trip to the dentist, most students may be absent from school 3-5 days a year. While we always strive for perfect attendance, students who miss only a few days a year are poised for great success.

Conversely, chronically absent students lose out on too much instruction to simply make it all up when they return. Missing a day of school means getting behind one whole lesson in math, reading, and writing. These lessons are progressive, so when students miss a lesson they are largely on their own to make up those 60-90 minutes of instruction in each area. Hearing the full lesson each day is the best way to learn.

As we move forward this year, please ensure that your student is at school every day. If they have appointments, try to schedule them on days when school isn't in session. Save trips out of town, hair appointments, or shopping sprees for long weekends or winter/spring break.

We appreciate everyone's efforts to help our school shine.

Fast Facts - 10/24 - 11/25

Referral free students	86%
# of referrals	80
% of students with referrals	14%
% of students with multiple referrals	10%

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program

12/3-4 – Blueberries & Bok Choy

12/10-11 – Blood Oranges & Rainbow Carrots

12/17-18 – Honey Crisp Apples & Chopped Kale