



RIVER DELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Greetings Hawk Families! The energy in the middle school is at an all-time high as our holiday recess approaches. That can be good and bad! Faculty and staff will continue to remind our students to finish 2021 off strong! I wanted to reach out and share some news from River Dell Middle School.

Last night we had our first concert at RDMS in over a year. The approximately 200 students involved in the Chorus and/or Band performed brilliantly in front of a large audience of family members and peers. Led by the amazing Ms. Zintel and with a limited amount of preparation time, our talented 7th and 8th graders persevered and were able to perform at a high level! I am so proud and want to thank all those who added to this event, especially our Sound and Lights students, our Accompanist students, our staff members who helped out tremendously, and our high school students from RDTV who filmed.

All 8th grade English classes took part in a "Penny War" the last few weeks in an effort to raise money to purchase books for children at Mount Sinai Children's Hospital. I am happy to say that we raised over \$1,000 for the cause. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Kasen and all the 8th grade English teachers who were instrumental in motivating our students to contribute to such an amazing cause.

The River Edge Police Department has been meeting with our 8th grade Physical Education classes each day to promote the LEAD Program. Law Enforcement Against Drugs is a two-week program designed to teach lessons on the juvenile justice system, crimes committed in our communities, house parties, predators, and bullying.

The Girls and Boys Middle School Basketball Teams will start competing on December 21st as both teams take on Westwood Regional Middle School. Congratulations to all the student-athletes who made the team. We look forward to their positive representation of the district!

Have a terrific weekend!

Best Regards,

Robert Urbanovich
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