



## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The teachers and students always welcome a short week after a long weekend, but it feels like we try and cram five days of school into four! The students are doing much better getting into the daily routine, and we are focusing on our study skills this week. Students need to be sure they have their planner with them at every class and study hall.

Sean Levinson from the website *elite daily* is the author of *The 10 Things Really Smart People Do*

1. Are Not Just Book Smart
2. Always Question The Status Quo
3. Are Not Just Smart In One Area
4. Show The Poker Face
5. Understand The Concept Of Time
6. Quiet Your Inner Voice
7. Argue With Yourself
8. Act Like You Are Curious
9. Find the Kernel of Truth
10. Focus on the Message Not the Messenger

**Sail the 7 C's:** Our first "C" the middle school is discussing Critical Thinking. Below are two definitions of critical thinking we are discussing with the students. We will add more definitions as the weeks move along. 1. Use various types of reasoning (inductive, deductive, etc.) as appropriate to the situation. 2. Analyze how parts of a whole interact with each other to produce overall outcomes in complex systems.

### Important Announcements:

- **Blue vs. Orange:** **Blue: 40**    **Orange: 50**
- The end of the 1st Mid-Quarter is Friday, September 7th. Teachers will have the option of adding individual comments throughout the year on progress reports and/or quarter grades as needed. Parents are always encouraged to email teachers if there are any questions.
- Sixth Grade **Hearing and Vision** test will be this Friday at 9 am in the lower school media center.
- **Yearbook pictures** will be on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **RenWeb:** Assignments, tests, quizzes and grades are now being entered into RenWeb, if you are having trouble viewing these grades and assignments please let us know. You will also receive notifications from teachers about good, poor, and any missing or incomplete grades. We want to communicate with you as much as possible and we are willing to meet with you to discuss any grades. Remember, the beginning of the year takes time to adjust, continue to check your child's planner and RenWeb to be sure he/she is organized and prepared.
- **Student Council:** Student council is working on creating the profile of a Valwood Middle School Student. They are compiling a list of characteristics of a successful middle school student to be put up in the hallway.
- **Homecoming Week Oct. 1-5:** The theme for homecoming is "There's no place like Homecoming." Dress up days will be announced next week.

Thanks for all of your support and help!

GO VALIANTS!

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