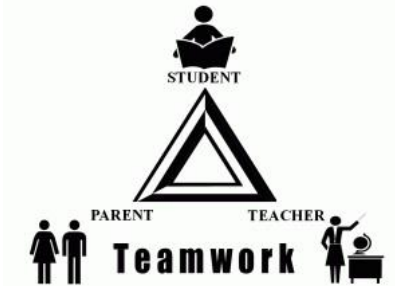


MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER?



“...there will be a time when we must choose between what is easy and what is right.” – Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire.

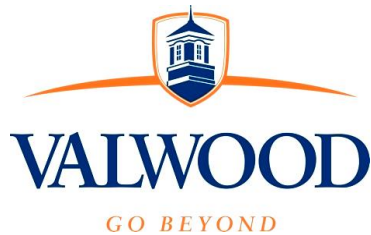
“DO RIGHT, DON’T HURT THE TEAM.”

Choosing to “Do Right” is difficult. I have been encouraging the students this week to always “Do Right”, no matter the time, place, or situation. These are pivotal times for students in the Middle School, and we must reassure and model the best behavior for them. As a Valwood Student, we must hold the students to a high standard of character.

**DO WHAT
IS RIGHT,
NOT WHAT
IS EASY**

Sail the 7 C’s: Our second “C” the Middle School is discussing is Communication. Below are three definitions of Communication we are discussing with the students. We will add more definitions as the weeks move along.

1. Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written, and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts.
2. Listen effectively to decipher meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes, and intentions.
3. Use communication for a range of purposes (e.g. to inform, instruct, motivate, and persuade).



Important Announcements:

- **Blue vs. Orange Teams:**

- **Blue: 356**
- **Orange: 348**

Points are continuously added and removed due to students' behavior, study skills, and character.

- WE ARE PROUD OF COACH CARTER, GRACEIGH BOOTH, AND THE REST OF THE SOFTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR RUN AT STATE!
- **Parent Conferences** are Wednesday, October 24th. Please call Mrs. Parrish to set up your appointment with your child's individual academic teachers. No school for students.
- **Fall Festival** is Thursday, October 25th from 2 – 4 p.m. Please plan on your child staying at least until 4:15 p.m. for them to help clean up their booths.
- **Student Success Team** meetings can be set up for any student who may need help adjusting to the classes and work load. Each student has a faculty advocate, Dean, and success coordinator assigned to him or her. The meetings can be scheduled by teachers or parents when needed.
- **PSAT** will be rescheduled. Once we have a date we will inform you.
- **Veterans Day** practices will increase as we get closer to November 8th.
- We are collecting **Box Tops for Education**. The grade with the most box tops will earn a dress down day! Box Tops for Education can be found as an app or online.
- Students began their **Winter Sports** Practices this week.
- Thank you to all who gave and who are continuing to give to **Ella Grace Spell's Water Service** project.
- **HELP TO ANOTHER GISA SCHOOL:** Each grade has been assigned bring in certain items for the GISA School Southwest Georgia Academy. If you can send either of the items to school by Tuesday, October 23rd, it will be greatly appreciated. We know that we ask a lot from our families, but we want to do our part in helping others.
 - 6th grade - toothbrushes and toothpaste
 - 7th grade - crackers and socks
 - 8th grade - pancake mix and juice boxes

We are not asking any grade for this item, but if you want to do more, they also need pillows!

Thank you for all your support and help.

GO VALIANTS!

Chad Gallahan

Middle School Dean