

# February Newsletter

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## Important Dates

- Mid Winter break is from February 15—19. Students return on Monday, February 22.
- Girls' basketball season begins Wednesday, February 3 at home versus Romulus
- Wrestling season begins Tuesday, February 9 away versus Romulus.



## Student of the Month

Congratulations to Student of the Month, Lauren Benedict, “Student of the Month” for January—Outstanding Talent in Music.

## Garage Sale

Don't forget to look at the attached 'Mid-Winter Community Sale' Flyer. The event is on Saturday, February 27. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Belleville Co-Op

We are receiving complaints from Belleville Co-Op Apartments about cars cutting through their complex to get to South. Please make sure you are using the light at Sumpter to turn into South Middle School. Thank you for your help!

## Remember to be respectful when disciplining your preteen

How can discipline teach your preteen to respect you? By showing her that you take things like house rules seriously, and that you're committed to enforcing those rules. Of course, respect is a two-way street, so be respectful to your preteen when disciplining her:

- **Be fair.** Don't expect her to be perfect or never to mess up. Everyone makes mistakes.
- **Be reasonable.** Resist the urge to

threaten her with an outrageous punishment (such as grounding her for a year). To avoid giving an unreasonable consequence, don't say anything in the “heat of the moment.”

- **Be consistent.** Once you make the rules, stick to them. If it isn't okay for your preteen to break curfew tonight, it shouldn't be okay tomorrow or next weekend either.

Source: Adapted from *Middle Years Newsletter*, December 2008

## Geography Bee

Congratulations to all of the following students who qualified for the Geography Bee:



Brendon Carr	Fernando Rivera
Alexus Anderson	Jeff Stillwagon
Ben Shingles	Deborah Lazerean
Jillian Garland	Kris Sharp
Ian Easter	Hunter Cole
Lauren Benedict	Emily Kruschlin
Veriece Lowe	Nicole Thomas
Cameron Schmenk	Tim Aide
Nakeem Ross	Nathan Poirier
Hope Frazier	Radan Bacon
Brianna Lewis	Ronnie Biggs
Chelsea Edwards	Kimberly Solomon
Chase Duncan	

Congratulations to our school Geography Bee Participants! Here are the top 3 finishers!

**1st Place—Chase Duncan**  
**2nd Place—Lauren Benedict**  
**3rd Place—Brendan Carr**

## Worth Quoting



“Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you.”

—H. Jackson Browne