

# Quantico Middle/High School Warrior Newsletter

January 2013

## From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome back students! I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are entering yet another year at Quantico Middle/High School, and one with hope and promise. As we begin this New Year, look back and examine your successes. Did you accomplish your goals? Perhaps you need to set new ones. This is a great time to look strategically at how you can continue to improve in this challenging world. The world we live in challenges each of you to look at how you can make an impact. One person can make a difference! As you go to classes, ask yourself some hard questions, such as how can I use this in my everyday life. Continue to challenge yourself, your teachers, and yes, me as well. Remember, your education and the quality of it largely depends on your motivation, drive, spirit and determination to be the best! Keeping yourself prepared and ready to learn is an ingredient that will guarantee sustained success in all of your endeavors. At Quantico Middle/High School there are always things to do and challenges. I also ask that you work with us to improve not only your grades, but also your attendance. I would be very proud if every parent came to visit our school at least once monthly to see what is going on. We also welcome parent feedback on our programs. Research shows that involved parents result in higher achieving students. We are entering a very important time of the year. This is assessments and exams. We need to know what you have learned and how we can teach you better. We use this data to adjust instruction and to plan programs. We will continue looking at our afternoon programs to make sure that those students who are having difficulty get the help they need to succeed. Students, I want each of you to be a walking, talking success story. If you are not successful, then ask yourself, why not! Let's continue to work together to make this the best school in DoDEA and DDESS. With your support and hard work, we can get there. I believe in you and I am your proud principal. Power forward!

*Mr. Johnson, Principal*

## Guidance Corner January, 2013

We are officially under way in our second semester! The remainder of the school year we have a lot important dates and activities that our students will be involved in.

Starting with the first day of second semester students have 10 school days to request a schedule change with their school counselor. If your child needs to request to change their schedule they need to pick up a form in the guidance office and return it with a parent signature. The last day to change schedules will be February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please review the following dates to see if they apply to your child.

- **January 28<sup>th</sup>**- Juniors and Seniors who took the ASVAB will meet with the ASVAB interpreter to get their scores from their test taken in December along with a Career Exploration Presentation involving non-military careers, college and job searches
- **January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**- PSAT scores will be given to all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders and AVID students who took the test. The counselors will provide an interpretation of their scores to them during their English or AVID class. Parents of students who took the PSATs are invited to make an appointment with their child's counselor if they would like more information on the test scores.
- **February 4<sup>th</sup>**- This is the last day to request a schedule change

- **February 27<sup>th</sup>**- All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the NAEP test. Information letters regarding the NAEP test were included with report cards for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students,

Looking Ahead:

- **March 9<sup>th</sup>** is the next SAT test, students should sign up through College Board by Feb 8<sup>th</sup>
- **April 13<sup>th</sup>** is the next ACT test, students should sign up through Act.org by March 8<sup>th</sup>
- **March 11-15<sup>th</sup>**- Terra Nova testing for grades 6-11 will begin. Please make an effort to ensure your child comes to school on time and is not absent unless they are ill.

Seniors!!!! Remember to continue applying for scholarships. The guidance office has a scholarship book that seniors can use to find scholarships or they can go online to websites such as fastweb.com or scholarships.com. If you receive a scholarship please let us know!

**Attendance Information**

School attendance is important and in order to receive the best education, students need to Be Here! DoDEA's attendance policy provides specific guidance on attendance, absences and identifies support services for students at-risk for not fulfilling the grade or course requirements. However, if they are sick or an emergency arises, please call the school office at 703-630-7055 to notify us of the absence and then follow up with a written note the next day. **Your child is marked unexcused until we have a parental written note, email, or medical note confirmation to the office of his/her absence.** You may email absence information to [registrar.qmhs@am.dodea.edu](mailto:registrar.qmhs@am.dodea.edu) . If your child needs to be absent for more than five days, parents must send a note to the office prior to the absences and a Student Educational Monitoring Plan will be required to be put in place by the teacher, principal and parent in advance. At Quantico Middle/High School, we ask that you read the attendance policy in full by going to our school's website.

**Withdrawing a Student**

We will do our utmost to ensure an easy transition for you and your student. Please help us by providing us with as much notice as possible. Call guidance with your date of departure and we will have copies of student records ready for you to hand carry to your next duty station. It is important that your child be officially withdrawn from our school. **Please remember the check out process takes two days.** Students check out with their Red day teachers and their Gold day teachers.

**Key Events for the Months of January and February**

<b>JANUARY</b> 27	28	29	30 MCJROTC Color Guard---Quantico CDC Grand Opening 1300	31		
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## February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 HS District Band Event <a href="#">PM Activity Schedule</a> - Honor Roll Assemblies (1:20-1:40 Middle School and 1:45-2:05 High School) Sophomore Sponsered Candyland Dance (7:00-10:00 pm)	2 HS District Band Event <a href="#">MCJROTC</a> Fundraiser (0945-1500) <a href="#">MCJROTC</a> ---Snow Hill HS, MD-- Invitational Drill team Competition-- -0900-1600
3	4 PEA Meeting in QM/HS Media Center	5 <a href="#">PM Activity Schedule</a> - Middle School Spelling Bee	6	7 Early Dismissal of Students for Teacher Training	8 MS District Band Event MS Dance (7:00-9:00)	9 ACT MS District Band Event <b>DAC cheer competition at FSC starting at 10:00</b>
10	11 Sophomore Field Trip	12	13	14	15	16 <a href="#">MCJROTC</a> Fundraiser (0945-1500)
17	18 Federal Holiday - No School for Students and Teachers	19	20 <a href="#">MCJROTC</a> Drill Day (1410-1500)	21	22	23
24	25 Winter Sports Award Ceremony (2:15-3:00)	26	27 NAEP Testing (8th Grade only)	28		

Go Warriors!

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