

# HA MIDDLE SCHOOL- December 2025

*Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference*



## **From the Head of Middle School:**

Now that the turkey and all the fixings have been gobbled up, the energy and excitement that December brings are here. It will be another quick month filled with festive events and fun.

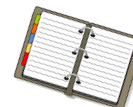
The end of the quarter is in two weeks, and with that comes the first semester exams (Dec. 15-17) for the 6th-8th grades. The schedule for the exams is posted on the school calendar. Each day, students in grades 5-8 will be dismissed at 11:15. (More information about that week's schedule will be sent in a separate email.)

During this time of year, students (and parents) can get overwhelmed with trying to keep up with all of the activities and schoolwork. A good way to reduce stress before exams is by preparing early and creating a plan. Studying in chunks and over time is proven to help the brain remember information more clearly than cramming the night before an exam. This also reduces stress by feeling prepared. The students have started mapping out their December activities in their Guidance classes, and now you can help them with the finishing touches on how to balance their family, school, and after-school activity time. By planning and reviewing a little at a time, they will set themselves up for success.

On December 17th, we will celebrate the end of the 1st semester with our annual Middle School Holiday Party. Be on the lookout for an invitation with all the details in your inbox this week, and start looking for some festive socks for the gift exchange.

A special thank you to all of the parents who were involved

## **Mark your Calendar for these upcoming Events:**



**12/1-6** Raider  
Challenge Giving  
Week

**12/2** Chess Club 3:15 pm

**12/3** House Shirt Day

**12/5** 7th grade- Walk for Water  
1:30-3:00 pm Westgate Park

**12/6** NJHS Love your Neighbor Event  
9-11 am

**12/9** Kids for Christ 7 am

**12/9** Chess Club 3:15 pm

**12/9** Holiday Concert 5th grade & Beg.  
Band 6:30 pm

**12/10** MS SGA Masked Singer G-  
Period

**12/11** World Language Wax Museum  
2:30

**12/11** Holiday Concert Show Choir &  
Band 6:30 pm

**12/12** House Raise the Flag- 8:00 am

**12/13** NJHS Salvation Army Angel  
Tree Gift Sorting - Peanut Festival  
Fairgrounds 11 am- 1 pm

**12/15-17** MS Exams

in the advisory parties and the Middle School Holiday Party. Your willingness to give of your time and energy is greatly appreciated!

Finally, I want to wish you all Happy Holidays! I am so grateful for your help and support.

**12/15** 5th Grade Field Trip to Wesley Place

**12/17** MS Holiday Party 10:00-11:15 am

**Shout Outs to MS:**



Wowza! The MS Drama production of Frozen Jr. was outstanding!

Congratulations to Parker Bryan, Webb Coale, Janie Kay Forrester, and Derek Sharp. (MS Theater Production class) for their performance in *How to Kill a Mockingbird*? It was spectacular!.