



NORTH JUDSON-SAN PIERRE SCHOOL CORPORATION

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As our holiday break approaches, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the successes of the first half of the school year. Academically, our students are showing growth. We continue to concentrate on how much students improve and how we are doing as a school.

Furthermore, there are other areas in which our students have demonstrated achievement and great success.

- In the last few months many of our students have had the opportunity to perform in the fine arts. The choir and band departments have blossomed over the past few years. Additionally, some of our High School Choir members demonstrated their talents in their Madrigal performance earlier this month.
- Several NJ-SP student athletes were chosen as All-conference and Academic All-conference for the Fall sports season.
- Our Spell Bowl teams at each building did well at the local and state competitions this Fall.

We have many talented students at NS-JP and our students are achieving in the classroom, on the stage, and on athletic fields. Indeed, we have much to be proud of. I hope you have been able to attend a concert, a Madrigal performance, a Spell Bowl competition or a sporting event. Each of these different kinds of events allow us to see the various paths our students take to success.

In addition, we look forward to opportunities and challenges in the second half of the school year.

- Our capital projects will begin in January—starting with the bid process. Work on school enhancements, security, and HVAC will commence after the bid process—utilizing spring break and summer break as best we can. The goal is to have the work completed by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.
- The ever-changing school accountability system and legislation will keep us busy. It is becoming more and more difficult to provide our students with the best, individualized education we can due to the parameters and confines placed by the state and federal government.
- The new ILEARN state assessment and the new graduation requirements/pathways are of serious concern, as we decide how to prepare and implement them.

I hope the holiday break allows you time to rest, recharge, and make memories with family and friends. Please recall that school will be closed from Monday, December 25, 2017, through Monday, January 8, 2018. Students return on Tuesday, January 9.

Happy Holidays,