

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

10/10/16 – 10/14/16

### CLASS UPDATES

**SUCSESSES:** The students are still really engaging with *The Outsiders*. Their written responses and answers to discussion questions in class show an understanding of the novel's themes and characters.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH:**

When we are going to the board to correct grammar sentences this is an important time to focus and ask questions. The volume in the room shouldn't rise, and it's not the time for side conversations.

The class needs to be very quiet and attentive when we are writing down homework so that we don't miss anything and so that everyone can write down their assignments correctly.

The students need to be reading outside of class in their independent reading books, not just during SSR time in class. Remember the goal is to read 40 books this year. So they should be finishing about a book a week to a week and a half.

**Tardy Policy:** Please remember that once morning assembly has started, any student arriving after that is tardy. They need to go to the office and get a tardy slip. At 10 or more tardies in a given trimester, the student must sit out for recess each time he or she is tardy.

**Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences:** The office sent out a link to sign up for parent teacher conferences on Monday October 17th. **In seventh grade the students are required to attend the conference with his or her parents. So please sign up for a time that your child may attend with you.**

**Community Service:** The service hours must be completed and turned in with the write-up by November 21. Any student failing to complete community service can receive no greater than a C in effort for the trimester and therefore will not be eligible for academic honors that trimester.

**Check your Lancer Folders for some fun auction opportunities.**

## Book Club!

We had a great first book club of the year. Our next book club will be on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Petersen's home. The book we will be discussing is *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys. This is powerful work of historical fiction set during World War II set in Lithuania during Stalin's reign of terror. To quote goodreads, "*Between Shades of Gray* is a novel that will steal your breath and capture your heart."

At the recent **book club** we announced a different title by the same author, but it was determined it might be too mature for the sixth grade. We want book club to be open to all middle school students so that is why we made this change. We are sorry for the inconvenience, as I know several seventh graders have started that other book.

### Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due every **Thursday**.
- Nouns Chapter Test Wednesday

MONDAY – No School – Teacher In-service

TUESDAY – P.E.

WEDNESDAY – Mass

THURSDAY –

FRIDAY – P.E. – Spirit Shirt Day – (Spirit Shirt & Code B bottoms)

Have a great weekend!

Miss Lee