

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

9/25/17 – 9/29/17

## Key Weekly Objectives



*Here we will highlight key objectives that we are targeting in seventh grade during the week.*

### Literature:

To analyze several poems by Robert Frost and examine his use of natural imagery and make connections to the role nature plays in S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*.

### Language Arts:

To correctly combine sentences using compound subjects and compound predicates.

### Social Studies:

To examine the shift of power from the west to the east in the Roman Empire that occurred with the rise of Constantine.

Science: To identify the chemical compounds found in cells, and to predict whether foods contain starches or lipids; conclude from the tests they perform whether their predictions are correct

## CLASS UPDATES

**SUCSESSES:** The students continue to be very excited and engaged in our study of *The Outsiders*. They can't get enough of this YA classic. I encourage you to talk about the important themes and ideas in this novel including friendship and family and what it means to belong or be on the outside of society.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH:** While the students are loving *The Outsiders*, this week I have noticed that many students are not comfortable with examining and interpreting a text for themselves. They either want to answer in vague generalities or be spoon-fed the answer instead of using the text to support their interpretations. They are afraid of getting the "wrong" answer. They are uncomfortable with non-factual questions. Unlike math or science, in literature there are often many right answers as long as those answers come from a reading of the text.

**Villanova Retreat:** The seventh grade and eighth grade will be attending a retreat at Villanova High School on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a field trip form in the Lancer Folder today. Please fill it out completely. We will need parent drivers. Please indicate if you are able to drive.

**Middle School Sports:** Coaches needed! If you would like to coach a middle school team this year, volunteer using *Sign-up Genius*.

**Mt. Carmel goes to UCSB as a part of Gauchos Give September 28th**

In your Lancer Folder, you'll find tickets for this game if you want to attend.

**Last chance to sign-up for Kid Yogo:** If you are interested, email Mrs. Feramisco by Sunday. [larissaf@mountcarmelschool.net](mailto:larissaf@mountcarmelschool.net)

## Book Club!

It is a new school year and Book Club is starting up again! The next Book Club will be held Monday, September 25, at Michaela Morrison's home. Directions will be posted on the website. The book we will be discussing is *The Young Elites* by Marie Lu. This dark and twisted anti-hero story will enthrall readers and asks some tough questions about what makes someone a hero and someone a villain. Go to the seventh grade class website for a synopsis from Goodreads.com

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

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due on **Thursday** and **every Thursday** after that.

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MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E.,

WEDNESDAY –

THURSDAY – P.E.

FRIDAY – End of the Month Free Dress

Have a great weekend!