



Good Morning Wakefield Families!

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday, filled with food, fun, and lots of caution. Please mark your calendars for a few important events that are just around the corner! Please join us for Wakefield's first annual Game Night, which will be Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. It will be virtual, and tons of fun! On Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM, Wakefield will be hosting a drive-through award event! This is to honor all the incredible work that students have done thus far. Awards are academically based, except for five citizenship awards, which will be given to those students who have gone above and beyond to be a Wakefield Knight!

Just a friendly piece of news to all parents and guardians. All classes at Wakefield Middle School carry with them title of Honors or Accelerated. Therefore, any student that might possess a grade lower than a 'C' will now be required to attend office hours from 1:00PM to 1:45PM daily. Students will use the morning meeting Zoom link to visit office hours. Please make sure to check Parent Vue for up to date information on grades.

On that note, please see all the important pieces of information from Wakefield teachers:

**Mathematics with Mr. Acereto** - Hey there, Wakefield Family! I hope this finds you ready to enjoy the Break. As you are reading this, I have no doubt your learners have finished HW #12 (Email Assignment) & HW #13 (IXL). All expectations were adjusted due to the short week. Also, ask your student how they plan to earn the grade they asked for in the HW #12. This will make for great conversation!

**Humanities with Ms. Lopez** - Students will need a notebook and pencil in the upcoming days. We are preparing for Benchmark testing, and they will be taking a lot of notes. ALL students are required to work on IXL.com program for Language Arts. This week's skills are E. 4--5 & S. 1--4.

**Science with Mr. Malan** - Hey families. In science we have moved into our Ecology unit and are investigating how reintroducing wolves in Yellowstone national park was able to change how the rivers flowed in the park. I am sure you have some ideas but please do not tell them to your children, as it will inhibit their critical and creative thinking on the topic. I have currently given small groups different clues and the groups will have to work together as a team to see if they can solve the mystery.

**STEM with Mr. O'Brien** - Hello All! At this point students should have completed projects 1 - 9 on scratch. They are getting creative and expressive and I have loved seeing their imagination and curiosity grow.

**School Counseling with Ms. Vasquez** - Hello Wakefield MS Families! In School Counseling time we've been working on the Executive Functions of Time Management as well as Stress Management coping skills. Your student kept a [log of the various stress management techniques they used](#) for two weeks and shared it in our last session. You can use the list in the link above to start a conversation about their favorite stress management techniques throughout the upcoming long weekend. Also, please encourage them to prepare the coming weeks of zoom class with some of the [time management skills](#) they've learned. We also discussed Gratitude. Your students are a kind, generous and creative lot in this area!

Thank you so much and have a great week!

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