



Good evening PSPA Middle Grades Students and Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the last few days of Wintry Weather as we took time to ensure the safety of our students and staff by closing the building. I know many of you had clear streets by Thursday afternoon, but with the number of families and staff who live far from the school and did not have that, we could not take the chance of safety. We would not have been able to cover all of the classes with the number of staff who could not make it in. We appreciate your understanding.

I am grateful that PSPA allows us the flexibility to have Remote Learning Days. With state law requiring a specific number of instructional days/seal hours, not having those days would mean school on workdays, Saturdays, or Spring Break, or extending the school day or year. Thank you for ensuring that your child completed the work assigned. If you had power or internet access issues which impeded your child from working those days, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Here are some updates for the week:

### **A/B CALENDAR**

We will be getting back on track with our A/B days this week, with Monday being an "A" day, Tuesday being a "B" day, etc. That will help with your child knowing when they have PE.

### **"TAG YOU'RE IT"-7TH GRADE PBL**

This week, our 7th grade students will begin their PBL entitled "Tag You're It" revolving around Holocaust remembrance. Students will be interviewing members of the community, some who are survivors themselves, some who are family of survivors, and those who are well-versed in Holocaust studies and work to continue the slogan of "Never Again". This project has had a great impact on those who have completed it before, and we look forward to our students' presentations on what they have learned.

### **"SAY SOMETHING" WEEK**

Our school community will celebrate "Say Something" week March 3-7, 2025. "Say Something" is the program that enables students to anonymously report an issue 24/7/365 through an app, hotline, or website when they see a classmate who is at risk of harming themselves or others. The themes for the week include: *Make a Difference Monday, Upstander Tuesday, Who's With me Wednesday, Trusted Adult Thursday and Unity Fri-yay*. On Friday the 7th, we encourage students to wear green (this is also a spirit wear day) to show unity in our shared commitment to

violence prevention. You can learn more about our Say Something program at [www.sandyhookpromise.org/saysomething](http://www.sandyhookpromise.org/saysomething).

### **LIMITED EDITION SPIRITWEAR!**

Our 8th-grade students took on a special PBL to design a t-shirt to raise funds for St. Charles Pre-primary in Tanzania. They not only created the design, but also managed costs for the shirt, including setup fees and color choices, to ensure the price would be affordable while still meeting their goal of raising \$5,000. To reach this goal, they aim to sell about 370 shirts. The design reflects our school's connection with St. Charles, and the students are proud of the hard work they've put into this project. One student shared how meaningful it felt to leave a legacy by creating this Spirit Wear shirt before heading off to high school.

The shirts will be available for purchase at <https://bit.ly/threadsofimpact> until February 25th.

If you're able to help them reach their goal, it would be greatly appreciated!

**\*Students who purchase the shirt will be able to wear them on Fridays through the rest of the year.**

### **SOFTBALL/BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

We are so glad that the Winter weather has passed (for now) so we can complete softball and baseball tryouts this week. Those will finish up tomorrow and rosters will be posted on Tuesday.

### **ATHLETICS**

<https://www.pspaathletics.org/>

### **FROM OUR PBL COACH**

Please click on the [linked document](#) to view the current Project-Based Learning units our students are working on.

### **POSITIVITY PROJECT**

This week, our school community will focus on the Other People Mindset of ***Cheering Others' Successes***. This means when someone else does well, we are happy for them and show our support.

It's normal to sometimes feel jealous or envious when others succeed, but learning to genuinely celebrate their accomplishments can improve our own happiness and relationships. Supporting others not only helps them feel good but also strengthens our community and creates a positive environment.

Encouraging your child to be happy for others can start with simple actions, such as congratulating a friend, noticing feelings of envy and asking why, or learning from others' successes. These steps build a supportive culture in families, teams, schools, and communities.

To practice and encourage this Other People Mindset at home, please visit The Positivity Project's mobile-friendly P2 for Families (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)), where you will watch a video together and discuss a quote and three questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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