

Murray Middle School Counselor's Corner

Winter Edition 2018

MID-YEAR BLUES?

HOW TO STAY MOTIVATED FOR SCHOOL!



How do we motivate our middle school students and keep them engaged in learning? Middle school students are motivated by the feeling of having choices, of belonging, and of success. As students strive to be viewed as “mature,” they welcome the opportunity to make their own choices. Running a dictatorship will get you nowhere fast. They need to know their voice is heard. Celebrate their achievements and give them choice and voice. All people, regardless of their age, appreciate praise and acknowledgement for their efforts. Positive reinforcement goes a long way because the more successful students feel, the more effort they will put into succeeding! *Scholastic.com*

CALENDAR

JANUARY

14th-19th~ D.C. Trip

15th~ No School - MLK

18th ~Saint John's County School District Academy Showcase

25th~ Arts Info Night 6:30 PM

29th~SJCCA Auditions / No School

FEBRUARY

8th-Academy Applications Deadline for HS

19th-No School- Presidents Day

26th-28th FSA Writes

Tips for a Successful Second Semester

1. Help your child manage homework time
2. Show interest in your child's studies
3. Discuss ideas and feelings about school, studies, and activities
4. Read and review with your child info from school
5. Contact counselors, administrators, and teachers periodically
6. Be sure that they attends school on a regular basis
7. Know your child's friends
8. Attend parent meetings
9. Review grades regularly
9. Consistently acknowledge and reward efforts at school