

CRENSHAW MIDDLE SCHOOL

December 2007

“Update”

CALAMITY DAYS

Thanks to all for your understanding regarding our closing school this past Thursday, November 29 due to a power outage. We had originally intended to “weather the storm” until we received word that the estimated time of regaining power had moved from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Dark classrooms, an inability to cook food, no phone service, and darkness were all factors in our central office making the call to cancel school for the day. As the winter weather season approaches, please make contingency plans for what to do with your children in case school is called off. The best source of information regarding school closings is 1480 WHBC AM or CCS TV Channel 11.

CHOIR AND BAND HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

For the first time ever we will host a combined band and choir holiday show *here at Crenshaw*. The date is **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.** On the school calendar we have listed a choir concert on December 18. Please disregard that date as we are now combining the two programs. As both of these performances are part of the school curriculum, it is our expectation that our students attend and perform to the best of their ability. It is a part of their grade. Thank you in advance for your support of our choir and band! See you at the show.

SCHOOL DANCE – December 5

We are having our second school dance on Wednesday, December 5 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$2.00. Proceeds from this dance will be used to purchase food vouchers for needy families this holiday season. We reserve the right to deny access to our school dances based on behavior issues that may occur in school, *even up to the day of the dance*. Only Crenshaw students may attend the school dances. Once students are admitted to the dance they are not permitted to leave until 5:00 p.m. We ask that all rides be here at 5:00 p.m. as we will clear the area immediately after the dance. Feel free to call us for any questions or concerns.

8th GRADE INFORMATION

Our 8th grade students are taking the ACT Explore test this week. This test is used to help our students plan for next year with regard to coursework, scheduling, and career planning. The test is given in 5 sections, all taken in the mornings. We hope to get all the ACT Explore tests administered this week so they can be submitted for scoring.

Getting our 8th graders ready for high school is *very* much underway. So as to make informed choices about their high school experience, our students will visit each high school, McKinley and Timken this month during the school day (Field Trip Permission forms will need to be completed). They will hear from Ms. Leigh Anne Kummer, Principal at the Early College High School as well. A DVD, scheduling book, and registration guide will come home before Christmas break. Parents from all four middle schools are invited to both Timken and McKinley High School, on January 8 and January 10 respectively from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. to hear more about each school and the programs that they offer. We will provide bus transportation from each middle school for parents should you wish to take advantage of that. These two “high school visitation” nights are provided to answer any questions you might have before signing your child up for high school. Feel free to contact Mrs. Grubbs, myself, or our school guidance counselors, Mrs. Kalafice or Mrs. Barbato for more information.

ATHLETICS

Crenshaw basketball and wrestling seasons are now underway. As a reminder, admission to all games is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for school age children. All basketball games are doubleheaders, 7th grade beginning at 5:00 and 8th grade starting around 6:30 p.m. Only students from the two competing schools are allowed to attend without a parent or guardian. This cuts down significantly on problems during the games. Athletes must meet weekly eligibility requirements in order to play sports. Keep them studying. Go Cougars!

