



Crossings Christian School

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that the 1st semester has already come to an end. We are looking forward to another great semester as we transition into the third nine-week period. The following are just a few of the exciting things that are just beginning or are continuing middle/upper school.

Our eighth and ninth graders just finished up their hot topic discussions and presentations for Student Leadership Institute (SLi). There were four presentations covering these four topics: *Where Did the Races Come From?*, *Dinosaurs and the Bible*, *Who did Cain Marry?*, and *Evolution vs. Creation*. The students did a great job with their research and presentations. It was great to hear their perspectives and to learn from each group's work. Now we are eagerly anticipating the beginning of our Campus Connections service project and mini courses on finance and relationships.

The middle school math classes are creating "Mean People." Mean is the mathematical term for average. This project focuses on learning about central tendency, which includes: mean, median, mode, range, upper quartile, lower quartile, frequency tables, histograms, and circle graphs. The students are also learning about favorite things about their classmates. As the students create their "Mean Person," they are finding the average favorite things and descriptors of their classmates. It's always fun to see what the "Mean Person" turns out to look like ask your student how it's going!

This nine weeks, the Language Arts students will begin studying works of literature. The literary works covered in class for each grade level may include fictional classics, Christian classics, biographies, and plays. Three updated reading lists will be posted soon on the school website including: required classroom reading, required summer reading, and recommended reading.

We are also excited about beginning the A.R. program for middle school students this semester. They have already taken their STAR tests to ascertain their individualized reading levels. Reading goals will be set next week.

Middle school basketball is going well. Both teams continue to work hard in their practices and games. In the regular season, both the varsity boys and girls are 6-3. The junior varsity (JV) teams continue to work hard and do well contributing a record of 5-2 for the boys and 3-2 for the girls. Two of our new sports, cheer and wrestling, are well underway. The cheerleaders have been working hard on cheers and formations and have been a great addition to our home game excitement. The wrestlers continue work hard as well in their practices and matches.

Please keep our school in your thoughts and prayers as God continues to bless us with many more exciting opportunities to come throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Sutton

Jeremy Sutton
Middle/Upper School Principal