

May 3, 2010

Dear Seventh Grade Parents,

The Seventh Grade is currently finishing projects illustrating the differences between the North and the South before the Civil War. Students were given a choice of a written, visual, or spoken option for their project. We have had some very enlightening discussions as our studies take us closer to the Civil War and lay the foundation for Reconstruction, which is where we will pick up next year. **The North/South Comparison Project is due tomorrow, May 4.**

The Seventh Grade will have the opportunity to learn from local judges and prosecutors as part of Law Day celebrations on May 12 at 12:00. Students have prepared questions to learn more about the nature of a career in law and specific Constitutional issues that have been presented during the course of our studies. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about government in action.

Seventh Graders had a chance to ask me and current Eighth Graders questions about Social Studies next year during Leap Day activities last Monday. **Midterms will be sent home today.** Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to celebrating more learning experiences with your children throughout the rest of the year.

Sincerely,
Miss Colleen Bott

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Dear Eighth Grade Parents,

The Eighth Grade had the opportunity to visit the Ohio Statehouse and Supreme Court last week and it was a fun and educational learning experience. Students met with Representative Jarrod Martin and a staff member from Senator Chris Widener's office. Students had wonderful questions for Representative Martin during his visit to our classroom last Monday. The class also participated in a Mock Trial and reviewed important Ohio Supreme Court cases.

We have had many interesting discussions as we study the causes of World War II and its aftermath. Our studies will take us to the present day before the year is over. If your family has any interesting stories or items to share that apply to this time period, please don't hesitate to share them with your child. **The Eighth Grade will have the opportunity to learn from local judges and prosecutors as part of Law Day celebrations on May 12 at 12:00.** Students have prepared questions to learn more about the nature of a career in law and specific Constitutional issues that have been presented during the course of our studies. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about government in action.

The Eighth Graders shared their school experiences in grades K-7 with the rest of the school during Leap Day last Monday. Many teachers commented on how helpful the Eighth Graders assigned to their classrooms were. They prepared positive and important memories to share with the younger students. We are discussing issues of morality and conscience in Religion and preparing for **May Crowning on Wednesday, May 5 at 1:30pm. The Eighth Grade will take a class picture after the prayer service.**

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