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# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT UPDATES

January 9, 2020



**COUGAR PRIDE**

Cabin John Middle School

# UPCOMING REGISTRATION DATES:

- **Jan 21-Jan 24** - Information about Registration distributed in English/ESOL by Counselor
- **January 31** - Registration selections due
- Materials will be on the website for reference
- Counselor is the main source for questions -  
Mr. Howe

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/DATES

- Jan 24 - End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 29-Feb 7 - **Outdoor Education (3 Sessions)**
- Feb 21 - **Black History Night Celebration**
- Feb 28 - Interims
- Mar 6 - **International Night**
- Mar 27 - Career and Wellness Fair
- Mar 27 - End of 3rd Quarter

# Feedback and Questions

- **Transition to Middle School:**  
What do you wish you had known in advance?
- **Questions or Concerns:**
  - Are there any process or procedure concerns?
  - Instructional Concerns or Questions?
  - Ideas or Improvements we can make?

# Questions and Concerns Raised at the Meeting:

- Discussed questions around registration and options for math and World Languages, especially as related to continuing options at the high school level.
- Platforms for electronic submission of homework and assignments: especially having myMCPS and Google as separate systems used by different teachers. How can we consolidate and help students and parents to navigate
- Discussed the major assignment calendar and teacher coordination of graded work to keep stress and overlap low
- **Transition from Elementary School:**
  - *Discussed the need to support students management and understanding of homework.*
  - *Discussed the need to prepare students for transitions within the school day, between classes and teachers.*
  - *Discussed the need to build opportunities in elementary and middle school for students to have independence and ensure we are not over-scaffolding*
- Progress Reports in English - Parents shared the concerns over the scores and grading of the English Progress reports and its impact on grades (due to the 10% of grade requirement). Follow up with the curriculum office to identify concerns and develop solutions.
- Parents shared that the “Question” button is not working on the website.