

Hello Hornet Families,

We are excited to begin a new week, a new opportunity to get 1% better every day! As you know, second quarter will end on January 24, which is less than two weeks away. Today, I am asking you to assess yourself. Have you created the routines necessary for your child to exceed? It may be tempting to let go of supervision because the children are not elementary aged, but middle school aged is even more important. Teaching your child the importance of organization, routine, meeting deadlines, and being their best selves are of utmost importance. We have one more semester to get it right. Let's all work on doing just that.

Monday, January 15 is a national holiday in observe of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please take this time to reflect on the impact of his leadership within the Civil Rights Movement and consider ways that you can be an extension of the messages and intentions of Dr. King.

Our January School Improvement Team meeting is this Tuesday @ 4:00 via Teams ([Link Here](#)). Please join us!

Our basketball teams will play at Cochrane Middle School on Wednesday and at home against McClintock on Thursday. Games will begin at 5:00. Students planning to attend must go home on their regular mode of transportation and return with a parent who will accompany them throughout the game. No bags of any kind are allowed. Students who were assigned OSS or ISS within the past 30 days are not eligible to attend.

On Thursday, Justus will represent Albemarle Road Middle School at the district-wide spelling bee! Let's wish him luck as he prepares for the championship!

As a reminder, I am asking for 100% attendance and that early dismissals be reserved for emergencies only. The only exception is if your child is sick or contagious. All students need to be in school, on time, all day on every school day.

Families, this Friday, every student who attends Albemarle Road Middle School will be required to turn in their chromebook and the charger in prep for Benchmark testing, which will begin on Tuesday, January 23. I need your help making sure your child brings their chromebook and charger to school on Friday so that we can inventory ahead of benchmark testing.

Remember to follow us on ParentSquare, Instagram (@arms.ib.academy) and Facebook (Albemarle Road Middle Academy) for the latest updates!

Let's have a great week, Hornets!