

Hello Hornet Families,

Soccer season kicks off this Monday with a home match against Cochrane! The game will begin at 5:00. Students who have been assigned to ISS or OSS in the past 30 days are ineligible. Eligible students who wish 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.

Our monthly School Improvement Team Meeting will be held this Tuesday @ 4:00 via Team. The link is included in the body of this email. [Link Here](#)

Wednesday, March 13 is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed to their regular mode of transportation at 12:30. Wednesday is also the kickoff of our Pre-Spring Break IXL Leaderboard Challenge. Students who master the most skills between Wednesday, March 13 and Sunday, March 24 at 8:00pm will earn a special treat! I am encouraging students to take some time Wednesday after dismissal to practice those grade level and above skills.

Registration cards for rising ninth grade students attending Independence, Rocky River, Butler and East Mecklenburg have been sent home for review and parent signatures. High school counselors will be meeting with students in the next couple of weeks to finalize course selections. Please be sure you have signed and returned your child's high school registration card and contact 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, Ms. James, with any questions.

I am still asking for 100% attendance and that early dismissals be reserved for emergencies only. All students need to be in school, on time, all day on every school day. According to district data, 37.6% of our students are chronically absent. This is an improvement but still far exceeds the goal. Students who are absent from school are more likely to fail their courses, lessening their opportunities. If your child has excessive absences and is recommended to me for retention, they may be held back in their current grade for next school year.

Have you delivered your donation to Clothes Bin on ARMS' campus? Items you are not using any more, including clothing, under garments, handbags footwear, accessories, and linens, please don't throw them away! Every pound of items goes to support Albemarle Road Middle! Thank you in advance for your donations.

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

See you Monday, Hornets!