

Good evening Marauder families,

I hope this email finds you doing well and that your homes are settling down a bit after what was probably a more stressful time during exams.

We are getting ready to start a new semester on Monday and it's a wonderful opportunity for students to try something new, change some habits, get a fresh start, or keep pushing as they have been. Either way, we always have lots going on!

- Report cards will be coming out on 2/7 and will be distributed to students in school. Please be on the look out. You should see updated marks on Mi-Star in the middle of next week. Please encourage your child to talk to his/her counselor if they have questions about their progress towards graduation.
- Schedules for second semester will be handed out on Monday to students.
- On February 8th at 6 pm, the Downriver Career Technical Consortium will be holding a Career Expo for **tenth grade** students at Carlson in the cafeteria. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to look at all of the career and technical opportunities available to them during their junior and senior years through our partnership. Please come out and take a look around at all of the amazing opportunities.
- On February 9th, our **juniors** will be taking a practice SAT test. It is extremely important that they are here that day because the results will be analyzed (much more quickly than Collegeboard) and we will receive specific feedback and strategies to help students.
- Please remind your child that they should not be taking videos of other students or staff without permission.
- We are going to begin scheduling at the end of February. I'm excited because we are going to be offering even more opportunities to students than we have this year (stay tuned, that was a teaser).
- Next week is Winterfest for our students and this means Spirit Week. Students have many awesome days to dress spirited for (in a very school appropriate way, of course). Winterfest is always capped off with our Snoball Dance, which is Saturday, Feb. 4th from 7 - 10 pm. There are no ticket sales at the door.
- We have a Daddy-Daughter Dance on Feb. 11th at 7 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Jessica Plozai (plozaij@gibdist.net) or Lindsey Begeman (begemal@gibdist.net)
- The Carlson Athletic Boosters are hosting a Steak and Trivia Night at the Flat Rock Elks on Feb. 11th. Doors open at 5 pm and the night will include great raffles, food, and trivia. Must be 21 and tickets can be purchased for \$25 through the Athletic Department.

Finally, if you are not a Twitter user, consider getting an account. Many of our staff members are connected there and are using this to get information out to parents and students. It's fairly easy (I can do this!). **Here's an incentive: If you sign up for Twitter, follow me (@shultzatcarlson), and post your favorite thing about CHS with the hashtag MarauderPride, I will enter you in a drawing to win two free tickets to the Steak and Trivia dinner.** If what I just said is completely foreign, ask your child, I promise they can get you set up! Contest closes 2/9 at 11:59 pm.

That's all for now!

Have a great day,

Jessica Shultz
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