



CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE EAGLES

To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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Happy New Year, 2019! We had many exciting things happen before vacation and look forward to a productive, focused January! Our k-2 students and 3-4 students have had their Winter book celebration so we had many parent volunteers in the building the last few days before vacation. Mrs. Miller put on two amazing concerts with our elementary and middle school students. It continually amazes me to see the talent of these young musicians. The energy before a school vacation is contagious! It is hard to believe that it is now be 2019 and we will have been in school for almost half of the school year!

8th graders begin their visitations to area high schools this month. Dates have been chosen for students to be introduced to the high schools and see what they offer. On the evening of January 16th families will be invited to attend an information night. Beginning at 5:30, students and their families will rotate through the middle school hearing 15-20 minute presentations from Brewer High School, John Bapst Memorial High School, Bucksport High, Hampden Academy and Bangor High. There will be time left at the end for students to go back to individual schools to ask any questions pertinent to them. Students will then have the opportunities to visit John Bapst and Brewer, along with United Technologies Center (UTC). In the past, these high schools have also hosted a parent night on the night of the Step Up days, where parents will have yet another opportunity to have questions answered. I am assuming the same process is being followed this year, but I am sure we will learn more on the 16th.

Our sports teams have had some successful wins and tough losses. I am pleased with the sportsmanship I see from our players and the developing skills. We have a full schedule of games, chess matches and cheering competitions coming up for the month. Trying to maintain homework, academics and all of the athletics can be a challenge. These young men and women are doing great with this, all preparing them for their future responsibilities with high school and life!

Best wishes for a safe and happy New Year!