



Update from the Middle School Division Head

April 21, 2020

Hello MS Families,

In celebration of Earth Day tomorrow, April 22nd, I encourage you to join the fun at 10:30 am for an All-School Kahoot to test your Earth Day knowledge. You will need to be able to split your screen or use two devices–[look here](#) to learn how to split your screen,. See you there!

If you are not on Instagram or Facebook, if your child isn't one to share assignments with you, or if your busy schedule has meant you just cannot get to the "extras," I thought I would share a few of the many exceptional lessons our teachers are creating as well as some of the exceptional work our students are producing.

- Mr. Edwards reenacts [Martin Luther King's posting of his 95 Theses](#)
- Mrs. Sherman has MS art students working on a multi-unit Master Study. Here is one [8th-grade student's response](#) to the question: How does art reflect society's influence on the artist?
- Mr. Ferretti's recent lesson was about Pathetic Fallacy. Here is one [7th-grade student's literary analysis](#) of a passage from their current novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.
- Mrs. Shpak's 5th-grade class is currently working on an end-of-the-unit culminating project called Human Impacts Project. [Here is Mrs. Shpak's video for the project.](#)

Our next MS Virtual Coffee will focus on the high school (HS) application process. I have invited a few current 8th-grade parents as well as alumni parents to share their experiences with us and answer your questions. I hope other 8th-grade parents who attend will share too. We all have so much to learn from each other. My goal is to help our current 7th-grade families step smoothly into the HS application process despite our current circumstances. All MS families are invited to join us regardless of your child(ren)'s grade level–come and get a taste of what is to come for your 5th or 6th grader! As you mark this Saturday's event on your calendar, please mark these too:

- April 25 High School Application Process
- May 2 Discussion of the All-School Survey Results w/ Matt Goetting & Barry Davis
- May 9 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chat w/ Amy Shepherd, St. Anne's Director of D.E.I.
- May 16 Three MS Report Card Formats: What is our "Why?"

I hope you will join us at the Virtual Coffee. Our Google Meet is (meet.google.com/koo-pkah-mux and phone number is 602-899-2772, using PIN 226 914 252#. If you cannot join us, the recording of the meeting will be available on the [COVID-19 updates page](#) on the School's website. If you have not had a chance to complete this short [All-School Survey](#), I hope you will. We want to hear about your experiences with SAES Distance Learning.

Finally, if you or your family has any needs that we can assist you with, please do not hesitate to reach out to me (jreilly@stannesde.org), Barry Davis (bdavis@stannesde.org), or your child's advisor.

Warmest regards,

Jill