Jan 11, 2017

Dear Crusaders,

The school community wants to thank you for your much needed support. We are grateful and proud to announce that this week we unveiled a set of 15 laptops to the middle school and will be adding a new high end desk top computer to every class and office as soon as Mr. T can prep them. We are trying to allocate the monies donated on student programs, future school building projects, and fund the scholarship and endowment funds. Although Mr. Pomerleau did in fact donate the entire $120,000, we promised not to use it until we reach our challenged amount. We have collected about 60% of it already and have 57 of the 120 $120 challenge that began it all last summer!

We have a short week. Friday teachers will be working on the accreditation process. It is called the New England Accreditation of Schools and Colleges. We need to update and report out on 16 subcategories annually. A more in depth report is due in the 5th year. However, on the 10th year a new Action Plan is required that entails a narrative describing where we’ve improved in the past 10 years, set up goals for the next 10 years and score ourselves based on our potential. Parent and student surveys will be collected. Data will be analyzed. All that information needs to be pulled together in a grand report. This is due spring of 2018. In the fall of 2018 a peer group of NEASC members from around New England will visit the school and assess our report. This visit is our chance to showcase our school community for three days to these evaluators. Accreditation certifies that the education provided to your child is valid and well supported.

Closed Monday- Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Praying we all learn from MLKjr to be more forgiving, loving and peaceful.

**Winter Activities** will commence Jan 20. Students will leave at 9:30. Chaperones for carpooling to Burke are still needed. Sign ups for Burke (for two weeks, including Jan 27) or Swimming at St Johnsbury Academy went out last week. Next week, we will send out skating at Chester Fenton Arena and hiking in Lyndon for Jan 27. **SAVE THE DATE:** Feb dates are Feb 3 and 17. The alternative to Burke will be the Lyndon State College pool, field house and rock wall, both weeks. Academic study will be available here at school for students needing to get their work completed or for disciplinary action. As a reminder, you must be current with Safe and Sacred to transport or volunteer with our students. Many people need to renew by completing year Two.

A new student information system called **RenWeb** is being implemented in the main office. This system will bring our enrollment and registration processes to the digital age. Starting in March, enrollment to our school will be done electronically. All the information that was once sought on paper, will now be entered by the families on your computer. This company is a sister company to FACTS. A so all info will be shared and updated automatically. They will also take over the school alert system. Eventually, we will be using the electronic grade book for report cards as well. When the time comes, if you need access to a computer, please make an appointment to come in and use one from our office. This will not affect the “Early Bird Discount”, or the “Pay in full by July 1 discount”.