



Dear TRJHS Families:

Welcome back from holiday break! It is my sincere hope that you and your children had the opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends and loved ones during the time away from school. It's important to take advantage of these moments, so we can rejuvenate, refocus, and approach the new year with a renewed sense of purpose.

With a new calendar year comes the opportunity to refocus and set new goals for students and families. I encourage students to look at the second half of the year as a time to "stretch themselves"- to increase your efforts both in and out of the classroom and to focus on continuous improvement each day. Trying something new or difficult is not about immediate perfection, but rather, embracing the failure or missteps because that is where the learning happens. We grow not when something comes easy to us, but when we succeed through the difficult aspects of a new skill.

As parents, you play a huge role in influencing the mindset of your children. Showing your children that you are excited by challenges, see mistakes as learning opportunities, and understand the importance of demonstrating perseverance will help children develop as a successful student and person. The start of a new year is the perfect time to establish new routines and habits.

Finally, based upon our weather the past week it's important to share a few winter tips as they relate to school and bus transportation. Any cancellations of afterschool programs or co-curricular activities will be placed on our school website as soon as the decision to cancel has been made. Please be sure to check the website if you think something may be canceled due to inclement weather. ConnectEd calls will be made for full day cancellations or if a decision must be made during the school day. On most winter days students will continue to go outside for recess – the exception being this week. This is an opportunity for our middle school students to get outside, move, play, and get some fresh air. We encourage and remind students to dress for the weather when they go outside.

January Reminders:

January 5 – Student of the Month

January 12- No school – Professional Development Day

January 16 – School Council 3:15

January 24 – Progress Reports distributed to students