

Welcome Back Faiss Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful break. I wanted to share a little of the good works that we we did as a school community for students in need. I share this because I know some advisory classes and other campus organizations sponsored students as a whole. Thank you to all that were able to participate! In total we collected or gifted the following:

Walmart/Target Gift Cards = \$660.00
Canes Box Meals Gift Card Donations = \$252.00
Smith/Grocery Gift Cards = \$460.00
Secret Santa Gifts = 80 individual presents
Donation from Crossings Church = \$1,250

What a great way to end 2019! Looking forward to 2020, our charitable spirit will continue for sure. We have elected to be one of the first schools to participate in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser to raise money to find a cure for childhood cancers. There will be more information about this event coming out soon.

Some information/dates to share for planning purposes:

If you have not already noticed, the traffic light at Ft. Apache and Arby is up and running! This is a tremendous relief, especially for students that walk home to the SE of our campus. But it will also be incredibly helpful this summer when kids are walking to the pool, Wet N Wild, or the park area.

With the start of the new semester, please visit our website at <http://www.faissmiddleschool.net> to see all of the clubs, activities, and tutoring schedule offered at Faiss. After school tutoring/clubs begin PROMPTLY at 3:30. Only students that attend tutoring or a club, may take the late bus home.

With the start of second semester and third quarter, that means Report Card Lunch is happening...mark your calendars for January 16. Parents are invited to come have lunch with your child. You can bring lunch from outside, or purchase from our cafeteria/student store. 1st lunch is at 12:05, 2nd lunch is at 12:35, and 3rd lunch is at 1:05. We hope you can make it!

Also with the start of a new semester, we will be implementing a new tardy policy beginning on Monday, January 13. Teachers will be reviewing this with students during advisory classes starting tomorrow through Friday.

On January 22 we will be hosting our 3rd Blood Drive. We will have a mobile unit this year in our front parking lot. That is also the night of a home basketball game. If you can give, please do! The mobile unit will be here from 3pm to 7pm.

If you are an 8th grade parent, don't forget that tonight, January 7 is the magnet school/CTA application deadline. Visit <https://magnet.ccsd.net/apply/>

I want to take a moment to welcome all of the 28 new Faiss families to our school community. It is never easy to transition to a new school in the middle of the school year, so please ask your son/daughter to reach out if they see someone new, who maybe hasn't made that right friend yet.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions, comments, compliments, or concerns, please reply to this email, and we will address them.

Respectfully,

Roger West, Principal
Dream, Believe, Soar to Achieve!