



## SPARTAN NEWS - December 2018

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Dear Seven Oak Families,

Welcome to the holiday season! This is the season which has the “shortest” days of the year, but also, arguably, some of the busiest days of the year as well. For us, that includes these important 4 weeks of school between the Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks, and some culminating events to celebrate the season, including our theatre production “Life is Like a Double Cheeseburger” and our music program’s Winter Holiday Concert. We hope you’ll be able to join us and witness the many talents of our Seven Oak students!

A few other opportunities for parents and guardians to learn about, and participate in, the life of our school: first, on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30p is our monthly Parent Teacher Committee meeting; and second, on Wednesday, December 12th at 4:00p, we will be hosting the afternoon version of Coffee with the Co-Principals - we’ll see you there.

Winter sports are also in full swing. The girls basketball teams have all had a great start to their seasons, while wrestling and boys basketball signups are also now underway. Please see Mrs. Norris in the main office for more information.

One other student group you that you may not have heard as much about is REACH. Seven Oak students are invited to participate in this group that is facilitated by Lebanon High School students; REACH stands for, race, empower, act, cope and heal. The objective is to support students at SOK in discussing issues of *race* and *racism*, in the community and the school, as well as their overall experiences as students at SOK. Discussions are focused on having fun interactive activities while talking through these important issues. Staff from Lebanon High School and SOK are present to support students and oversee the group. This group meets every other Thursday from 10:40a - 11:20a. If you have any questions or would like some additional information, please contact us.

### Counselors’ corner

This month we are sharing our counseling department’s mission statement:

*Seven Oak Middle School counselors believe that all students deserve to feel safe and welcomed. We support developmental, preventative, and proactive education, abiding by ethical and moral standards as outlined by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Therefore, the goal of the Seven Oak Middle School’s counseling department is to deliver a systematic, comprehensive counseling program that encourages all students to maximize their potential in the areas of academic, career, and personal/social development.*

-Mrs. Beth Seagrave (last names A-L) & Mrs. Laura Martin (last names M-Z)

### Additional announcements / important dates

- **Tuesday, December 4th** - Parent Teacher Committee Meeting @ 6:30p
- **Wednesday, December 12th** - Afternoon Coffee with the Co-Principals @ 4:00p
- **Thursday, December 13th and Friday, December 14th** - Seven Oak Theatre Presents, “Life is Like a Double Cheeseburger” - performances begin at 7:00p
- **December 17th - 21st** - Spirit Week for SOK students



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- **December 18th** - Seven Oak's Winter Holiday Concert @ 7:00p
- **December 21st** - Last day of school before winter break!!
- **December 24th - January 6th** - No School - Winter Break
- **January 7th, 2019** - School Resumes

Happy Holidays - Let's go SPARTANS!!