



A message from 8th Grade Chair
Nicole Williamson

Dear Copper Ridge School 8th Grade Parents,

Happy Holidays! I can't believe we're winding down the first half of the year. The last day of 2nd quarter is December 22nd and holiday break is December 25th- Jan 5th.

8th Grade Parent Yearbook Ads

Hard to start thinking about end of school and yearbooks already! If you'd like to put an ad in the yearbook for your 8th grader please see below.

[Jostens 8th Grade Yearbook Ads](#)

Order a Yearbook:

Prices are \$35 until the end of December and will then increase to \$40 on January 1st. To order: www.susd.org then go to **ONLINE PAYMENTS to purchase.**

Arizona Tax Credit

The Arizona tax credit donation campaign allows you to lower your Arizona tax bill while simultaneously funding these important Copper Ridge programs:

- Field trips to Catalina, Pioneer Village, Musical Instrument Museum, and more
- Athletic Programs and Middle School Lunch Sports Club
- PBIS and the CRS Way
- Music Therapy
- Boys and Girls Club

Copper Ridge goal is to raise \$200,000! For more information or a form please see below:

[Tax Credit Letter](#)

[Tax Credit Form](#)

Holiday Teacher Gifts:

On Monday, December 18th the CRS Middle School Volunteer Team will be distributing teacher and staff holiday gifts from the Middle School parents. They will be receiving a festive box of homemade cookies, hot chocolate and a card with a monetary gift. Thank you to those who donated to the Middle School Fund as the money for the gifts is taken from there. If you have not donated it is not too late, you can send a check payable to Deb Baptiste to your child's homeroom teacher.

If you would like to bake cookies for the box or help with distribution please see the Sign Up Genius below.

[Middles School Teacher Appreciation Sign Up Genius](#)

For all CRS Staff, there will also be an ALL Staff Holiday Luncheon, led by Lindsey Harrington and hosted by Parent Volunteers (you), on December 20th at 1:15. If you would like to contribute food, desserts, and drinks then please see the Sign Up Genius below. This is an event much anticipated and appreciated. Get your cooking on!

[Winter Wonderland CRS Staff Luncheon Sign Up Genius](#)

CRS SCHOOL CLUBS

Math Tutoring: Does your child need a little extra help in Math? Mr. Fred is now tutoring Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before School from 7:30-8:30am. He can help with all math questions and is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. It will take place in Room 200. To reserve a spot, email [Mr. Fred](mailto:Mr.Fred) the day before by 6pm.

Tutoring is also offered daily at lunch for all 5th and 6th grade students, they can just show up for that. This is a program funded by the Tax Credit donations and is NO COST to you!

Academic Support: Is your child's binder a mess, are they falling behind with homework, is studying too difficult or do they need help with writing? Mrs. Gerding and Mrs. Rodriguez are offering an academic support class on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30am. This is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. This is a program funded by the Tax Credit donations and is NO COST to you!

Birthdays

Ms. Mayers birthday is December 18th. Please wish her a happy birthday if you see her!

An ELA Update from Mrs. Kadavy

Your children are nearly halfway through their final year of middle school! Where does the time go?

We have been working hard on our novel units! Honors classes are reading Fahrenheit 451, and General Education classes are reading The Giver. Both novels allow for such interesting discussion. Eighth graders have been thinking and talking about topics ranging from the impact of technology on society to the way we treat the most vulnerable members of our community. There are sweet, introspective, thoughtful souls inside those middle school bodies! I value our class discussion time.

As we wrap up the novels, students in all classes will write compare/contrast literary analysis essays. Students will embed textual evidence with proper parenthetical citations. I am proud of these 14-year old scholars.

I would like to add, we are so blessed to have such amazing and inspiring teachers at Copper Ridge School. Thank you Mrs Casey Walters Kadavy and congratulations on a [great feature article in Scottsdale Independent.](#)

Thanks for reading and have a wonderful winter break!

Best,

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