

Team Chamberlain

Fall/Winter News



Rave reviews for *Midway*

Teams Chamberlain and Acadia attended a showing of the movie *Midway* on Friday, November 15th in Augusta. The movie tells the story of a key air and naval battle in the Pacific Theater of WW2 in 1942. Students viewed the film as part of an upcoming unit in Social Studies, and it should also enhance their study of 20th century poetry in ELA later in the year. Students' reactions to the two-hour epic were enthusiastic.

Homework page

Chamberlain teachers remind students and parents to check team's homework page from day to day in order to stay abreast of assigned student work. It can be accessed through the GRMS website.



Important Dates

Dec 6 - Progress reports mailed home.

Dec. 6 - *Suessified Christmas Carol*, 8:30-10:30, GAHS

Dec. 20 - Last day before break

Jan. 6 - School resumes

Jan. 17 - Qtr 2 ends

Math - Mr. Haggerty

Mr. Haggerty's Math class is continuing to study Geometry. Lessons upcoming include Volume, Surface Area and Pythagorean Theorem. Later we will study Irrational Numbers and move on to Algebra. 8th grade algebra includes Slope and Polynomials.

Science - Mr. Dennett

We've had a busy quarter two in science! We started the quarter off with an in depth look at the periodic table. Students learned the history of the periodic table, properties of elements, and how it was organized. Students were responsible for learning and creating a mini poster for two elements each. These mini posters are pieces of a larger than life periodic table that we will create and hang in the team Chamberlin hallway.

Students are now investigating the properties of compounds and mixtures. This involves several hands on labs where students get to make real time calculations that help cement our understanding in several

Social Studies - Mr. Gray

We are currently working in the midst of the Civil War. Students have led a North vs. South debate in class for over a week and have written a persuasive essay. They are now studying war tactics and different battles during the Civil War. We will be moving on to the Reconstruction of the South before we hit Christmas.

ELA - Mr. Trippe

Chamberlain students have covered a lot of ground so far this year. In addition to their regular studies of grammar and vocabulary, students have also read and responded to a number of nonfiction and fiction works. Additionally, at present they are engaged in a study of rhetoric and argument; this unit includes a project wherein each student finds an important historical speech and presents it to the class along with his/her findings regarding rhetorical devices used by the speaker.

Now we have moved on to the major assignment for second quarter - an argumentative essay. This is a lengthy, detailed project, but it will be well worth the journey as the students prepare for high-school English.