

Subject: Parent Announcements - February 1, 2012

1. **Facebook.** As educators, the inappropriate use of Facebook is one our newest obstacles in trying to create a positive learning environment – an environment which is conducive to teaching and learning. The frustration is compounded when the inappropriate use comes not from our students, but from our parents. It is important everyone models appropriate conflict resolution. Social Media is not an acceptable form of conflict resolution. Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.
 2. **Ballgame Etiquette.** For the safety of our players and your children, please make sure your child remains in the bleachers until timeouts, end of quarters, etc. At our last varsity basketball game, we were very fortunate no one was hurt walking up-n-down the sidelines during play. Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.
 3. **Tdap Vaccination.** In the Fall of 2012, students entering the sixth and ninth grades will be required to provide proof of Tdap vaccination along with the school physicals forms that are also required for these grades. Tdap is a vaccine licensed and recommended to protect pre-teens, adolescents, and adults against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Tdap is licensed for routine use on or after the 10th birthday.
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4. **Retirements.** Please take the opportunity to say thank you to two of Southeastern's finest. Mrs. Judy Flesner and Mrs. Janet Hopper will be retiring at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Flesner (Title I Director) and Mrs. Hopper (High School English) have inspired and motivated students for over 20 years. Their contribution to the quality of education provided by our school district is immeasurable. You can contact Mrs. Flesner at jflesner@southeastern337.com and Mrs. Hopper at jhopper@southeastern337.com.
 5. **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications.** Reminder: If for some reason your income changes and you make less money during the school year, you are allowed to complete a free and reduced lunch application at any point during the school year. For example, you completed an application at the beginning of the school year and did not qualify; however, your income changes during the school year so you are allowed to reapply and see if you qualify. Please contact the district office and we will take care of you. The district phone number is 217.392.2172.
 6. **2:00 Dismissal.** When we have a 1:00 dismissal, our elementary pick-up students are dismissed at 1:00. However, when we have a 2:00 dismissal, our elementary pick-up students are dismissed at 2:15. Why? Due to the number of instructional minutes required at the junior/senior high school (state law), students are required to attend school until 2:15. Therefore, our 2:00 dismissal should actually be called a 2:15 dismissal. Thank you for your understanding and adjustment.

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