

# Memphis School of Excellence



## Parent Newsletter

### December 16<sup>th</sup>

December 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the semester, and it is a half day for students. Parents may pick their children up starting at 11:15, and all students must be out of the building by 12:30.

### Final Exams

Students will take first semester final exams the week of 12/12.

### Science Fair

Memphis School of Excellence is proud to host our students and parents to celebrate all the hard work our students have contributed towards our annual Science Fair on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 8:00am. We are excited to showcase our students' science-based critical thinking skills.

### MS vs. HS Basketball

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the MS and HS basketball teams will compete against each other at MSE. The cost to attend is \$3. There will be two games; middle school students can attend during 7<sup>th</sup> period and high school students will attend during 8<sup>th</sup> period.

### Parent Academy

MSE offers classes for parents. If you would like to contact the instructor, you may email them or call 901-367-7814.

Class	Day	Time	Instructor	Email
Parent ESL	Thursday	3:30-4:00	Mrs. Vander Haak	avanderhaak@sememphis.org
Parent Computer Literacy	Tuesday	3:30-4:00	Mr. Demir	idemir@sememphis.org

### PTA Meetings

The Memphis School of Excellence PTA meets the first Wednesday of every month at **4:00**. The next meeting is 12/7. We hope to see you there!

### Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive

The Middle School Student Council collected canned food items and other nonperishable items such as flour, corn meal, and sugar to make gift baskets for families in need in our community for this Thanksgiving. The school donated turkeys for each basket. This year MSE was able to put together 19 boxes for families in need. Thank you to all the students and families who donated cans!

### Memphis School of Excellence Vision Statement

The vision of MSE is to become an internationally competitive urban school that produces well-rounded students. MSE wants to raise students' awareness of the world around them and seeks to begin the process of developing the necessary skills and desire to compete at the highest level.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	1 MS Basketball vs. Hanley  HS Basketball @ Oakhaven	2	3 MSE Science Fair, 8-12  Drama Club Tournament @ Arlington HS	4
5 10 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip  MS Basketball @ Sherwood  HS Basketball vs. MBA	6	7 9:00- Piano Recital, 10 <sup>th</sup> grade + parents only  <b>PTA Meeting @ 4:00</b>  MS Basketball @ Cordova  HS Basketball @ Douglass	8	9 Show Choir Field Trip	10 ZAP, 8-11  Mock ACT, 9- 12	11
12 Exam Week	13	14 Winter Performing Arts Program  1:00- MS  2:15- HS	15 HS Basketball vs. City U	16 ½ day for students  HS Basketball @ Hillcrest	17	18
19 Teacher Work Day, Students Out	20 Winter Break	21 Winter Break	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24	25
26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31	1

Congratulations to the students of the month! These students were selected by their teachers for their academic and behavioral performance.

6<sup>th</sup>- D. Rodriquez      7<sup>th</sup>- C. Nguyen  
8<sup>th</sup>- M. Taylor      9<sup>th</sup>- G. Rodas  
10<sup>th</sup>- M. Merrell      11<sup>th</sup>- T. Parker  
12<sup>th</sup>- S. Batie