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Welcome back from Christmas Break,

We are excited to have our students back with us here at school! Here are some considerations as we begin the second semester:

Student attendance is vital to academic success! A student who misses even two days of school a month is likely to fall behind in all classes and be considered chronically absent. Did you know for each day a student is absent, it takes two days to catch up? Having students here on a regular basis will help ensure they stay up-to-date with content and allow teachers to assist them with any trouble they may have. Chronic absences can also affect the whole class if the teacher has to revisit prior learning to help children catch up.

Student work is needed for teachers to be able to assess understanding of the material being taught. Throughout the first semester issues arose with work not being turned in on a regular basis and on time. During the second semester our focus will be on students turning in work and utilizing our Success, Focus, and Explore (SFE) Advisory time, after school tutoring, and a new addition, ZAP Wednesdays.

After school tutoring is available every day Monday through Thursday from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the library. At least two teachers are available for students to receive help on all assignments. This time can also be used to catch up on missing assignments or receive additional instruction.

Zeros Aren't Permitted or ZAP is a program that will run in grades 7 - 9. Assignments not turned in generally receive a '0'. With ZAP students will be unable to receive a '0' on an assignment. Students who struggle turning in work on time will now have a required Wednesday night tutoring session, or ZAP. This will be done on a weekly basis and will focus upon missing work. This program will run during the same time as after school tutoring (3:30 - 5:00 p.m.).

Our faculty is constantly working to incorporate a variety of ways to help our students succeed. Should you have any questions for myself or one of your students' teachers, please feel free to call the school or reach out in an email. I can be reached at 573-363-5911 ext. 133, or, jtrusty@mackscreepirates.org.

Thank you and welcome back!

Mr. Trusty

Vision Statement

**Empowering life-long innovative learners to be responsible citizens: equipped for
Success in an ever-changing world**