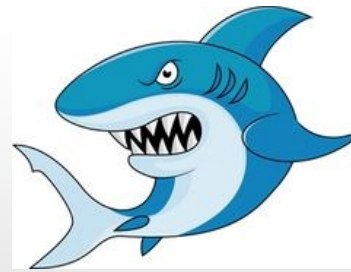


NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2017

BLAKER-KINSER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Blaker– Kinser website address: <http://blaker.ceres.k12.ca.us/>

Note from the Principal:

Yes, believe it or not, it is already Holiday Season! By the time you read this, we are certainly almost half way into our second quarter of the year. There is quite a bit to celebrate at Blaker already, and we are looking forward to the work our Sharks will continue to do in the Spring. I am very proud of our students and hard work they are putting in this year. The complexity of their math, the depth of their reading and writing, their data analysis in science, and their creativity and hard work in electives are astounding. Our staff cares deeply about our students now and about preparing them for the future they will encounter. We can't wait to see what our current students will do moving forward!

I want to remind families and parents that the busy nature of the holidays is not a reason to start to allow our students to skip out on learning. The holiday season should be fun and filled with our 7th and 8th graders enjoying their families, but please keep up your commitment to daily, on time school attendance and rigorous studies. This time of the year is often the time when teachers are getting to the most important parts of their curriculum, and continued student attendance and preparation for learning is key.

I also encourage you to use the holidays as a time to encourage reading at home for your student. Spending some time reading over holiday breaks can keep Sharks entertained and learning at the same time. If you would like to have some ideas for good reading material to match your student's interests, please have them talk to their teachers or our Library/Media Clerk. I am sure we have some great ideas for them in our library.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Blaker-Kinser!

Paul Rutishauser

Principal,

Blaker-Kinser Junior High School

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Coffee Connect

All Parents are invited to our next meeting on November 2nd and December 7th at 8:30 am. We also will have an evening coffee connect on November 8th at 5:15 pm. Parents will become more active in their child's education by receiving more information on activities and academics at Blaker-Kinser Junior High.

Tutoring:

Tutoring is in the library from 2:30-3:30 all students are welcome. We have Blaker teachers there to help with homework and any other questions students may have about school work!

Family Diner Night

On November 14th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm we will have our 2nd Family Diner night!

- Come bring the family and have dinner on us!
- Babysitting is Provided
- Learn how to read your students report card and other techniques to help your student be successful!



BK Theater Winter Performance

What does walking boloney, a flesh eating pickle, and zombies have in common? They are all part of our next play "The Boloney, the Pickle, Zombies and Other Things I Hide from My Mom." Part horror, part comedy and part musical, this play has it all. Come see it and enjoy a good laugh. December 12th, 14th, and 15th. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Performance starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$3 per person.

IMPORTANT

11/10/2017	HOLIDAY: Veteran's Day	ALL DAY	
11/16/2017	SCMEA Auditions (Honor Band)	6:00-7:00	Savage Middle School
11/17/2017	Progress Report Period Ends	ALL DAY	BK
11/17/2017	Student Dance	2:30-4:30 PM	Gym
11/21/2017	Singsational	6:30-8:00 PM	CVHS (Free)
11/23-11/24/17	HOLDIAY: Thanksgiving	ALL DAY	
11/27/2017	6th grade transition (Band and Choir Students)	During School	BK
11/27-12/8/17	Canned Food Drive	ALL DAY	BK
12/4/2017	Winter Music Concert	6:00-7:00 PM	BK Gym (\$2/Person, \$4/ Family)
12/12, 12/14-12/15/2017	Drama Production	6:30-7:30 PM	Cafeteria
12/19/2017	SCMEA Auditions (Honor Band)	5:00-7:00 PM	Savage Middle School
12/19/2017	SCMEA Auditions (Honor Choir)	6:00- 8:30 PM	Cesar Chavez Junior High
12/20/2017	End of 2nd Quarter	ALL DAY	BK
12/22/17-1/5/18	HOLIDAY: Winter Break	ALL DAY	

Have you been receiving phone calls about your student missing an assignment (s)?

This year we have started MMA (Making up Missing Assignments) for all students! A teacher has had your student sign up or has signed them up to complete an assignment. When you receive your phone call please have your student complete the assignment (s) and come show us the work in Rm 801 during their lunch. If the assignment is not done they can stay in Rm. 801 to complete the assignment.

