

November 1, 2020

Good evening Charger Families,

This is Melissa Baird, Principal of Inverness Middle School, with another edition of our *Weekly News Flash!* We had a very successful Red Ribbon Week and enjoyed seeing all the participation from both our students and staff members! We also started B.O.L.T, which is “Building Our Leaders of Tomorrow.” Every Tuesday and Thursday we have an altered bell schedule so that we can spend a few extra minutes in BOLT time to engage our students in test taking strategies, character education, organizational strategies, and more! Also, we announced our School-Related Employee of the Year and Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to our School-Related Employee of the Year, Mrs. Tina Brailsford, and our Teacher of the Year, Mr. Benjamin Davis.

This week have Boys Tennis try-outs and Girls Basketball try-outs beginning on Monday and continuing throughout the week. On Tuesday we are hosting the Citrus County Football Championships at Citrus High School, and we play against Citrus Springs Middle at 6:00pm. There is an FFA Club meeting in Mr. Steffer’s room on Thursday from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. We have updated our [IMS Athletic Packet](#), please use the most updated packet. As a reminder, all spectators must practice social distancing, wear masks, and will need to purchase a digital ticket online prior to attending sporting events. [Athletic event tickets](#) must be purchased online prior to the event.

We are very excited about our IMS Title 1 Curriculum & Parent Involvement Night. This event will be virtual and it begins at 7:00pm on Monday and will remain available through December 2nd. There will be interactive “channels” for our students and parents to visit as well as a parent survey. Students will receive their take-home packets in 7th period on Monday. These packets contain materials for hands-on activities associated with the Title 1 Night. However, students must keep all materials in the bags until they are home from school. You will receive the link from me on Monday evening so that you can access the IMS Title 1 Virtual Curriculum Night, and we are looking forward to our Charger families “tuning in” to the informative and engaging interactive presentations.

Finally, just a few reminders for our families. School pictures are scheduled for December 1, and this is for both our brick-and-mortar and Citrus Virtual students. Families must complete and return the [“Opt-In” letter](#) in order to participate in picture day. As a reminder we have changed our fall SAC meeting date to November 16th. Please make sure that your student brings a refillable water bottle to school every day. Please follow the correct procedures for student drop-off and pick-up so that we can keep our Chargers safe while keeping the pick-up line running smoothly. Also, if your child is sick please keep them at home. If you have had them tested for COVID-19, they must remain at home until you have the test results. We must all do our part to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Have a wonderful week and stay tuned for your next *Weekly News Flash* on Sunday, November 8th!

Thank you,
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