

**Issue 3 - Week of:  
Monday, October 16, 2017**

## Principal's Message

Hello VMS Family,

October is breast cancer awareness month. Many of us, know individuals who were, or still are, impacted by breast cancer. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women. The middle school administration team, will be discussing ways that we can raise money to help support the fight against breast cancer. If any ideas come to mind, please feel free to share your ideas.

With love,  
Will Pickens, Principal  
Voyageur Middle School

## **BE A GREAT NOTE TAKER!**

Taking good notes is the first step toward preparing for quizzes and tests. Encourage your middle grader to listen carefully in class and write down important information so he'll have good notes to study from later. He should pay particular attention to:

**What's emphasized** The teacher might introduce key points with phrases such as "The main thing to remember is..." or "That's important because..." She might also speak with more emphasis or gesture with her hands when going over material that will appear on a test.

**What's on the board** If the teacher puts information in writing, your youngster should always copy it. For instance, she may post geometry formulas, dates of battles, or names of famous people.

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, October 17

Student Progress Reports distributed  
Voyageur Academy Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m.

### October 17, 18, 19

ANet Testing in ELA & Math

## VMS Student Norms

**Our VMS Scholars are expected to demonstrate the following behaviors:**

### **1. Attend school daily.**

Students should arrive to school every day by 8:30 a.m. (8 a.m. for breakfast) in complete uniform and remain until 3:45 p.m. dismissal.

### **2. Be Responsible.**

Students must take responsibility for their own learning. Students must bring all necessary material and assignments to class. Successful scholars come to class prepared to work and learn. He / She will begin each session with a positive attitude and an open mind.

### **3. Be Respectful.**

Students are expected to follow direction when given the first time. Successful scholars are courteous to others and mindfully follow school rules.

### **4. Be Safe**

Students must follow hallway norms by walking with purpose and maintaining an inside voice (level 2). Scholars should travel on the right side of the hallway at all times.

**What's repeated** To be sure students don't miss key points, a teacher may repeat them at the end of a class. Your middle grader should be sure to jot down these statements and underline them.

**What's highlighted in the book** As your child reads assigned chapters, he can write down bold-face words or items in the summary. Reading the text before class discussions will make note taking easier since he'll be familiar with the concepts. Tip: Suggest that your middle grader review his notes the same day he took them (in study hall, at home). He can fill in any blanks and highlight the most important information.

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Congratulations to Ms. Wolkowicz's AM Advisory for having the best attendance for middle school in the month of September. Keep up the great work!

### Quote of the Week:



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