**For the week of January 13-17, 2014**

Middle School News at Imagine West

**This Week:**

**Monday**

Welcome Back!

**Tuesday**

NWEA Testing

**Wednesday**

NWEA Testing

**Thursday**

Simple Solution Quiz in Math

NWEA Testing

**Friday**

Simple Solution Quiz in Language Arts

NWEA - Math

***2nd Quarter Report Cards will be distributed this week***

**Class Websites:**

<http://imaginemath.weebly.com/>

**Phone Extensions:**

Gier – 140

Harpold – 201

Hamilton – 227

I hope everyone has had a chance to warm up after the winter storm we had last week. This week marks the beginning of the 3rd Quarter. There are a few changes that happened once we returned from break. First, we have a new Science/Social Studies teacher – Mr. Gier. Next, Mrs. Harpold has returned from leave, so Mrs. Blade’s services will be utilized in another part of the building.

This week your child will be taking NWEA tests, so it is essential that he or she arrives at school on time and remembers to bring his or her laptop, as testing will be done on this device.

***English Language Arts (Mrs. Blade/Harpold) –***

*Last week marked my (Mrs. Blade’s) last week substituting for Upper Academy Language Arts. Thank you so much to the hard-working 7th and 8th grade scholars that I have had the privilege to teach and inspire to be great and do great things. I will be returning to my previous position in the building; but, I will be visiting the various classes to assist your child(ren) as necessary. Remember, “Mistakes, are opportunities to learn!”*

***Math (Mrs. Hamilton) –***

Students are back in full swing this week, and will begin working with a new online program called ALEKS. This online program has been built into your child’s daily homework, and even if your child has completed all worksheets, workbook pages, etc. they should still be working on ALEKS every day for at least 30 minutes. The extra credit has changed this quarter, so please take a look at my website for details. You will find other important information there.

***Science and Social Studies (Mr. Gier) –***

Hello everyone! As mentioned earlier I will be joining the team as the Science/Social Studies teacher. I am eager to meet all of the students and start the New Year off with some warmer weather! A little bit about me. I come from The Region (Northwest Indiana) and have had experiences in Chicago Public Schools and East Chicago Schools. I love animals and currently am raising my newest puppy Mr. Butters. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by email: [Gregory.Gier@imagineschools.com](mailto:Gregory.Gier@imagineschools.com). Thank you and I look forward to meeting with you all soon.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

**Have a wonderful week!**

**Mrs. Blade, Mr. Gier,**

**Mrs. Hamilton, & Mrs. Harpold**

