

SUNMAN-DEARBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Happy Holidays from S-DMS Staff

We hope all families have a restful and enjoyable holiday season!

Community Service Day 2019

On December 13th we hosted our 3rd Annual Community Service Day. All students and staff spent the day giving back to our community. We had middle school students welcomed into our elementary schools to help with various activities in classrooms, such as spreading cheer, but most importantly, to just be good role models to those younger students. Other students went to local senior living centers to assist those members with nail painting and other activities. They also sang songs and just visited with them. Students traveled to three different New Horizons locations and made lasting impacts in all of those places as well. There were about 40 students that went to the YES Home and were put to work to make their building much better. While at the YES Home, students accumulated almost 90 hours of work that they saved the staff. Roughly 50 students went to local animal shelters to help assist with different tasks including showing those animals some love and compassion. Students also traveled to the Dearborn County Recycling Center, Salvation Army (Kroger and Walmart), Impressive Dogwood Horsefarm, and to the town of Sunman. In addition, our band and choral groups traveled to all three elementary schools and North Dearborn Village to provide heartwarming performances.



At the middle school, we had so many activities to help our communities such as: making fleece blankets for several organizations, collecting items for local food pantries, wrapping presents for families in need, constructing animal toys, making dog treats, creating “thank you” gifts to local leaders/volunteers, and several more items were made! As a special lunch treat, the students were able to purchase coneys from Skyline and/or pizza from Steve’s Sunoco. Thanks to Dave Deddens and Steve Neltner for all of their help. This day could not have been possible without all of your support, assistance, flexibility, effort, donations, communication, and willingness to make our students aware of how to be a great citizen. Our sponsors were such a huge help as well. Cincinnati Incorporated, Stephanie Bauer CPA, and Laudick Trucking, along with some unknown others, sponsored this day. Thank you so much for your support!!!

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Our middle school FFA members participated in Sunman-Dearborn Middle School's Community Service Day. These fourteen students repotted 80 poinsettia plants to take out and donate to the community.



Students enjoyed learning more about how poinsettias are grown and used during the holiday season. Students donated poinsettias to the Dearborn County Extension Office, Pine Knoll Assisted Living, and Ripley Crossing Assisted Living. Our middle school FFA students and myself would like to thank The National FFA Organization for their assistance in making this exciting opportunity for our students possible. See the attached pictures of our students



working hard and learning how to truly give back during the holiday season.

Scheduling Season

It is hard to believe we are already planning and working through 2020-2021 student scheduling process. Below are a few important dates for our 6th and 7th grade students. Please contact Mrs. Watkins or Mr. Mersmann with any questions:

January 23rd	Students will receive scheduling forms during class meetings
January 28th	Parent Scheduling Meeting (6:00pm)
January 30th	Students will be inputting requests into Powerschool during SRT
January 31st	Schedule requests closes

Trojan Spiritwear FOR SALE

We are happy to announce that we have new hoodies, socks, t-shirts, etc... for sale in our bookstore.

Technology Help?

Recently our technology department put together some useful videos for parents and guardians regarding some technology platforms students utilize at S-DMS. Please take a look:

<https://sites.google.com/sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/sdcsparenttech/home>

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Academic Help Available

If you feel as though your student is in need of extra help or more assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our teachers or counselors. We have extended our building hours to accommodate student needs. S-DMS building hours are:

Monday 7:00am - 3:30pm

Tuesday 7:00am - 5:00pm

Wednesday 7:00am - 3:30pm

Thursday 7:00am - 5:00pm

Friday 7:00am - 6:00pm

** Please continue to check the S-DMS website for up-to-date information regarding concerts, athletic events, and other pertinent information. <http://sdms.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/>*

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