



December, 2017

P.I.E.



SCHOOL RECONVENES

January 9th 2018  
Normal school day  
2:17 Dismissal



We must view young people not as empty bottles to be filled, but as candles to be lit.

Dr. R.H. Shaffer

American Educator



Semester Exams:

December 18th, 19th,  
20th & 21st

Testing Windows for 2018—FSA, EOC and Science

- March 1st—8th Grade Writing Computer based
- March 6th - 6th & 7th Grades Writing Paper based
- March 27th & 28th—Algebra 1 Retakes
- April 17th & 18th - 8th Grade Math
- April 19th & 20th - 6th Grade Reading and Geometry EOC
- April 24th & 25th — 8th Grade Reading
- April 26th & 27th - 7th Grade Math
- May 1st - 8th Grade Science
- May 1st & 2nd— 7th Reading
- May 3rd & 4th - 6th Grade Math and Algebra 1 EOC
- May 8th - Civics EOC
- FINAL EXAMS:
- May 28th, 29th & 30th

From the Dean's Desk

December 2017— almost half way through the school year. WOW! Semester Exams will be the week of December 18th through December 22nd. Remember, if your child needs to take exams early, you must clear that through the office. This has been a first semester like no other—Irma did more than just physical damage. She caused all schools to have to adjust their times which had a great impact on our students and families. Together we have persevered and will come out stronger on the back side of her devastation. Congratulations to you and your LMS student(s).

LMS Administration and Faculty would like for you to talk to your student about gaining one more point on all of their assessments including the FSA. We increased our points by 6 last year and advanced a letter grade, if we can do that again we will be a B school. LMS Administration is confident our children are some of the **best and brightest** in the State, so this is very doable! With your help, we can put LaBelle back on the map in a positive manner.

Let's work together to get this done!

Wishing you and yours a Happy and Safe Holiday season.



*La Belle*  
*Middle*  
*School*



ATTENTION: If you will be in the 7th grade next school year—don't forget you must have a TDAP vaccination.



*Parents: Please look for the 2nd semester informational postcard in the mail. If you have not received one, just call the school 674-4646 and we will send one home with your child.*

**ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN**

**SEMESTER EXAMS**

**SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY**      **December 18<sup>th</sup>** ALL ELECTIVES  
(including Int. Math, Reading & Credit Recovery)

**TUESDAY**      **December 19<sup>th</sup>** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA

**WEDNESDAY**      **December 20<sup>th</sup>** ALL GRADES  
Math & Science (7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA  
classes in Marotti's room -  
Handley Group)

**THURSDAY**      **December 21<sup>st</sup>** 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> ELA  
and ALL GRADES SOCIAL  
STUDIES (7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA clas  
ses in Marotti's room - Hand  
ley Group)

**Friday**      **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** Spirit Week  
activity

***If a family has an emergency—please con-  
tact Ms. Spratt to arrange for early exams.***

**674-4646**

# Happy Holidays from LMS Faculty & Staff

## LaBelle Middle School Students and Families Special Access to Three Fabulous Resources from Capstone Books

For the next two months (expiring January 31, 2018) *Capstone Books* has given special privileges to Florida libraries to access their entire catalog of *Capstone Interactive e-books* (3,241 books) as well as two other *Capstone Databases*, *Pebble Go* and *Pebble Go Next*.

Please feel free to use any of these resources with your LMS students and your families. These are all accessible from school, home, anywhere.

Go to:

[www.mycapstonelibrary.com](http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com)

**Choose to Log-in with Capstone Interactive.**

**Username: cilabellemiddlesc**

**Password: floridastrong**

This is a separate, temporary subscription from our regular Capstone Interactive library catalog that many students and staff already access, which has almost 200 books in it.

Again, to recap:

Capstone is offering LMS 3,241 eBooks from Capstone Interactive plus the Pebble Go and Pebble Go Next databases until January 31, 2018.

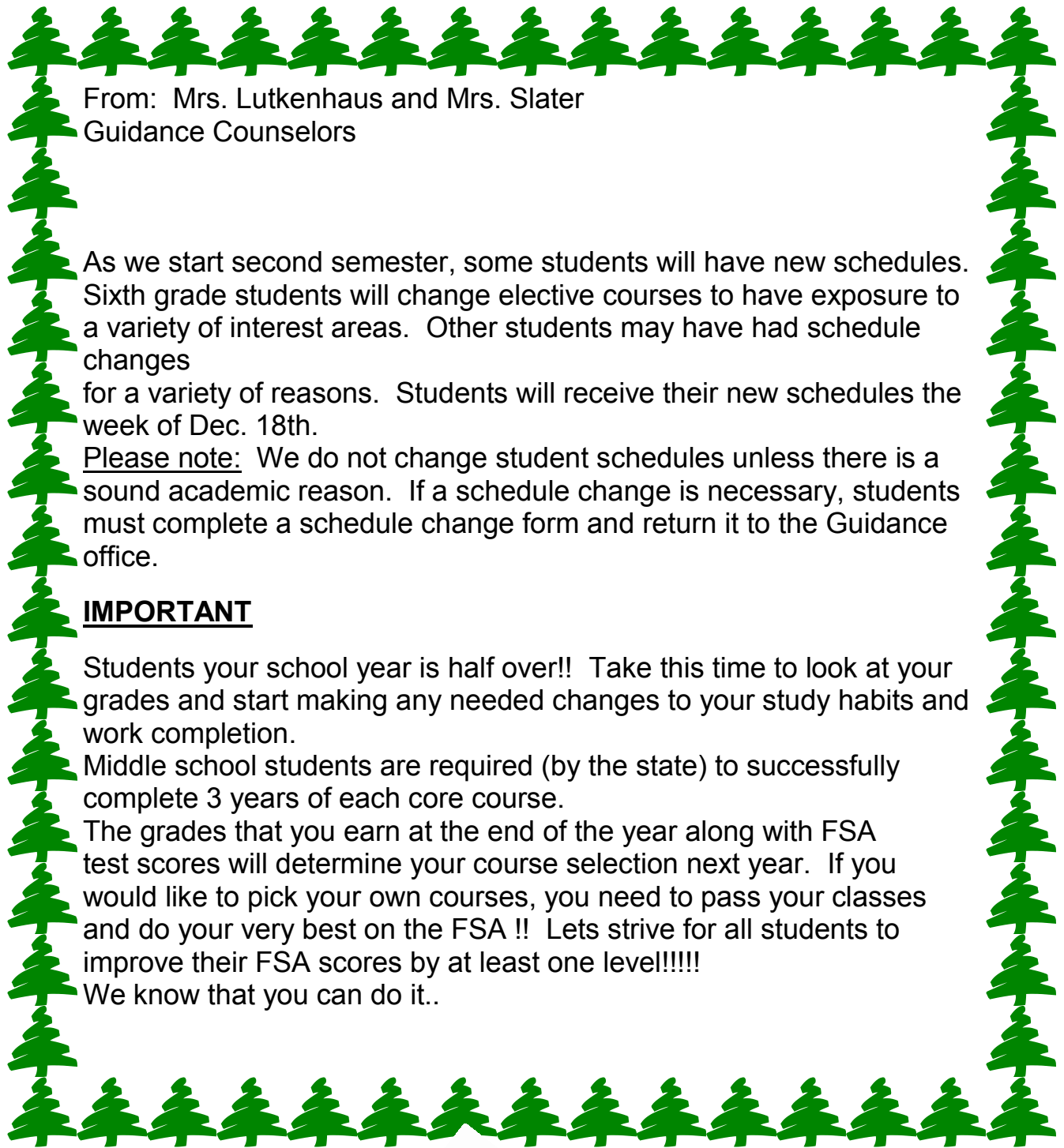
Once you have logged in there are buttons near the top right-hand side of the page to choose either Capstone Interactive eBooks, Pebble Go, or Pebble Go Next.

Pebble Go is billed as "The Emergent Reader Research Solution".

Pebble Go Next is billed this way (see below), and would be a good resource for many of our ESE or ELL students, among others:

"The Pebble Go Next family of databases helps students in Grades 3-5 learn about key concepts related to Social Studies, Science, States, and American Indians. Robust articles, all supported by read-aloud audio and connected to curriculum, include critical thinking questions to help students connect to larger ideas."

Hope these resources can help you or your students!



From: Mrs. Lutkenhaus and Mrs. Slater  
Guidance Counselors

As we start second semester, some students will have new schedules. Sixth grade students will change elective courses to have exposure to a variety of interest areas. Other students may have had schedule changes

for a variety of reasons. Students will receive their new schedules the week of Dec. 18th.

Please note: We do not change student schedules unless there is a sound academic reason. If a schedule change is necessary, students must complete a schedule change form and return it to the Guidance office.

### **IMPORTANT**

Students your school year is half over!! Take this time to look at your grades and start making any needed changes to your study habits and work completion.

Middle school students are required (by the state) to successfully complete 3 years of each core course.

The grades that you earn at the end of the year along with FSA test scores will determine your course selection next year. If you would like to pick your own courses, you need to pass your classes and do your very best on the FSA !! Lets strive for all students to improve their FSA scores by at least one level!!!!

We know that you can do it..

