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Leader in Me™

To: All SCMS Stakeholders

We are now living *The Leader in Me's, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. To practice what we teach, my weekly correspondence follows the 7 Habits theme:

**Habit 1** – Students can **BE PROACTIVE** by turning assignments timely as we only have 8 days until Christmas. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Mid-term reports were sent home on November 24<sup>th</sup>. A very useful tool for parents is the Infinite Campus App; where you can check grades and receive push notifications daily.

**Habit 2** – Congratulations to twelve SCMS Band members who **BEGAN WITH THE END IN MIND** over the weekend in making All District Honor Band: Victoria Worley, Sarah Stine, Sierra Knapper, Tyler Moehrke, Kyle Hughes, Emily Priddy, Calvin Sosebee, Connor Strothman, Sierra Richards, Pandora Booth, Allie Roberts, Josh Dunkelberger.

**Habit 3** – **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST** and Join us for some holiday shopping at the Scholastic Bookfair's VIP Opening on Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>! The library will be teaming up with both the art and drama departments for a fun night of shopping, dinner, and a show; more information about discounts and incentives to come! The Bookfair will be open to students during the school day December 14-18.

**Habit 4** – The SCMS Academic Team was **THINKING WIN-WIN** over the past week as they competed in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Showcase. Our students finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in quick recall. Jack Kennedy, finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall in Social Studies & just missed making the state's top 10 students list of over 300!

**Habit 5** – Thanks to everyone that supported Winterfest this year. We made \$13,000 dollars & \$2,000 more than last year! In **SEEKING FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** we recognize the need for more student technology – so every penny raised goes towards Chromebooks for Kids! This brings our total to 210 Chromebooks and seven wireless carts. Thanks to all!

**Habit 6** – The library media center would like to **SYNERGIZE** with the Spencer County community by sponsoring The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive. We will be collecting new pajama sets (top and bottom) in all sizes (newborn to adult) along with new or gently used books to give to children in need. Donations can be made through December 18<sup>th</sup> in the library!

**Habit 7** – Come out and support the A/H Dept. & **SHARPEN THE SAW!** Ms. Stampfer & the Grizzly Band will be performing their annual Holiday Band Concert tonight at 6:30. Ms. Steege & the Drama Dept. are running the "Best Christmas Pageant Play" Dec. 10-13 with the Art Dept. serving their spaghetti dinner from 4-8pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The annual Christmas Chorus concert is Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.

Respectfully,

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Principal  
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