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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** – Parents, please remind all students to **BE PROACTIVE** in turning in daily assignments, as we have only 14 school days until the end of Semester 1. December 19, 2014, will end the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks. You may access Infinite Campus online to check grades daily.

**Habit 2** – Ms. Shipley and the Grizzly choir **BEGAN WITH THE END IN MIND**; practicing all semester for their upcoming December 12<sup>th</sup>, concert. Please come out and support this fine program – doors open at 6pm, as the event begins at 6:30.

**Habit 3** – Spencer County Middle School Cheer, literally **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**, as they brought home the Regional Championship trophy to Taylorsville!!!! Please come out and support these girls as they advance to the State Competition at Eastern Kentucky University, on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Habit 4** – SCMS 7<sup>th</sup> grader Hunter Wethington was **THINKING WIN-WIN** over Thanksgiving Break, traveling to Charlotte, NC, to compete in the Footlocker National Cross Country Meet. We are so proud to announce that Hunter placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall and was named to the South All Conference Team!

**Habit 5** – Spencer Middle will **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** from December 8<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, as we MAP assess all students to check for mid-year academic growth. Please urge your son/daughter to be present at school and give a great effort!

**Habit 6** – The Spencer Magnet caught us **SYNERGIZING** on November 19<sup>th</sup>; publishing a piece on school-wide writing within professional learning communities. To read this article in its entirety, click here: <http://www.spencermagnet.com/content/scms-develops-program-improve-writing-skills>

**Habit 7** – Please mark December 5<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as an evening to **SHARPEN THE SAW** at SCMS' First Annual Winterfest (Fall festival in December). All are welcome for a fun night of food, activities, live auctioneer, crafts, indoor yard sale, coffee shop, and games for all ages. Activities begin at 2:30, so students can stay at school! Event tickets on pre-sale now (See accompanying Winterfest flyer).

Respectfully,

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