



The
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 – Social Media is a major concern for parents & schools alike. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation study, kids spend an over 7 hours a day connected to electronic devices. YOU can **BE PROACTIVE** by monitoring your child's facebook, Instagram, text messages, etc. by [clicking here!](#)

Habit 2 – Several students **BEGAN WITH THE END IN MIND**; practicing for 5 months to make the Honors band and auditioning against 300 students from 7 counties for their spots. Congrats to: Gabe Whitlock, Kenny Steward, Noah Dunning, Seth Baunach, Kassidy Pulliam, Savannah Norris, Ramsey Knotts, Jeremiah Potter, Tyler Moehrke, Pandora Booth, and Kyle Hughes.

Habit 3 – The second nine weeks has come to an end. Parents, students, and teachers will **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST** as report cards are sent home Monday, Jan. 11, with all students. Please ask your son/daughter to see their grade report tomorrow to engage in critical conversations!

Habit 4 – Our Parent Teacher Student Organization is **THINKING WIN-WIN**, by encouraging all interested parents/guardians to attend monthly planning meetings. Our next PTSO meeting will be on January 14, at 6pm in the SCMS Conference Room. All are welcome!

Habit 5 – Spencer County Middle School will **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** on February 18, by being selected to represent schools across America in administering the National Assessment of Educational Progress to 8th grade students.

Habit 6 – Student attendance is a **SYNERGIZING** effort. Please remember that Transportation Notes must be turned in to the homeroom teacher first thing each day. If issues arise during the day, you may send in a note by calling 477-3260, faxing 477-6796, or by emailing [Amy Peterson](#).

Habit 7 – All students are invited to **SHARPEN THE SAW** after school every Monday through Thursday at Grizzlies Beyond the Bell. Each day begins with a snack, homework help from our teachers, 25 clubs to choose from, and transportation is provided. All students welcome!

Respectfully,

Matt Mercer

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SCMS