



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 – Remind students to **BE PROACTIVE** turning in class work and missed assignments; as the end of the 1st Nine weeks is THIS week (October 9th) with report cards coming home October 16th. If you are interested in emailing one of our teachers for a conference [click here](#).

Habit 2 – Parents can **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND** by reviewing student Individualized Learning Plans (ILP's). Each student has taken this 'interest inventory', which assists students in selecting clubs, classes, and college/career decisions. Please contact SCMS Assistant Principal, [Erin Demyan](#), for more information.

Habit 3 – Thanks to Ms. Burge for choosing to **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST** by posting distinguished student work on her class website! [Click here](#) to see how great our students are!

Habit 4 – Ms. Gabbard, is **THINKING WIN-WIN** with her "Flipped Classroom"! Please [click here](#), to see how she's creating learning opportunities with homework videos for students and parents alike!

Habit 5 – We want to **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** by asking parents to participate in the Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) survey after fall break to 6th and 8th graders. Information was sent home Friday, October 3rd. If you Do Not want your child to participate, simply complete the form and return with your child to SCMS. Learn more about this youth substance abuse prevention initiative at www.KIP.com

Habit 6 – SCMS, University of Louisville Dental Schools, Louisville Water Co., and local dentists **SYNERGIZED** on October 2, to provide Smile Kentucky screenings to participating 6th grade students. A 30 minute dental education was also provided by Ms. Brown and Ms. Parnell.

Habit 7 – Come out, **SHARPEN THE SAW**, and support our Grizzly Band & Choir. The first Chorus concert of the year will begin at 7pm on October 6th, and the first Band Concert will be on October 9th. All are welcome!

Respectfully,

Matt Mercer

Principal
SCMS