Given that this is the last Link before the winter break, I want to wish everyone a restful, rejuvenating vacation and a happy, healthy start to the New Year. Given that the turn of the calendar is traditionally a time for both reflection and anticipation, I am finding that these last days have great opportunity to apply the habits and dispositions of resilience that our staff is studying this year. As a result, I encourage students to ask themselves: What was their empowering story of 2019? What will be their empowering story for 2020? What do they value the most and for what are they the most grateful? When and how do they find ways to be fully present with family and friends in the hustle and bustle of their high school years? What if anything might they want to change and how can we collectively support them? Taking time to consider these questions and intentions may just set the groundwork for a great start to the New Year. See you in 2020!

**Math Team News:** On Thursday, December 5th, 35 students participated in the national Mathematical Association of America (MAA) math contest. The 75-minute multiple choice contest is designed to challenge the best students, but still be accessible to a wide variety of students. This year, we are pleased to announce that Henry Coyle scored a perfect score of 120 points. Our second place finisher was Griffin Hentzen who scored 114 points. Tied for third place was Ash Ahrenhoerster and Jing Jing (Amy) Wang. Congratulations to all of our mathletes!

**Reminders:**
- The Bay Gives Back Blood Drive is on Wednesday, December 18
- School resumes Thursday, January 2
- Our final grade update/eligibility check before finals is Monday, January 6
- The 8th Grade Open House is January 9 at 6:00 pm
- 

**Repeat Announcements:**

**Freshmen Parent Panel:** Parents of freshmen, mark your calendar for Friday, January 10 from 8:30-10 for our annual parent-to-parent panel/coffee. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents of first-time freshmen/new students network/ask questions of parents who currently have kids in high school and college. We will begin with introductions/tips from returning parents and then move to a Q&A discussion, focusing on topics that have been generated by the parents in attendance. This networking session will be held in room 104 at the high school. No RSVP is required; however, you are encouraged to send me any particular points of interest that you’d like addressed.

Kind Regards,

Amy Levek
District News:

**News regarding receiving monthly School District Newsletters for our Families**

We send out our monthly School District Newsletters through an email marketing service called Vertical Response. Our provider has alerted us that our emails sent to Gmail accounts may recently be going to spam folders at a higher rate due to changes Google has implemented regarding filtering emails.

What this means is families with Gmail may not be seeing our monthly School District Newsletters, since Google changes may be automatically placing the emails into spam.

If you think the emails containing our Newsletters are going into your spam, but you would like them not to, here are a few things you can do:

- Watch for our email messages and check your spam for a month or two: the newsletters will come from The School District of Whitefish Bay School_District_of_Whitefish_Bay@mail.vresp.com
- If you find our email address in your Gmail junk folder click the “not spam” link to let Google know you want to receive our email campaigns.
- Add our “from” address to your Gmail list of contacts.

Thank you, and we hope you enjoyed the emailed Newsletter shared on Tuesday, December 3rd with these topics:

- Welcome Newly Appointed Board Members
- Richards Host School Report December 11
- Richards Receives Project ADAM Certification
- School Safety Update—Timely Reporting Matters
- District & School Report Card Results
- Salute! Memorable Facebook Posts

**Medical Provider Sought for Human Growth and Development Instruction**

In February 2017, the Whitefish Bay School District approved changes in the human growth and development (HGD) instruction based on the information provided by the Board established HGD advisory committee. The approved program change is to work with a medical provider to provide a portion of the human growth and instruction curriculum to our third through fifth grade students at both Cumberland and Richards Elementary Schools. The provider would also work with our current 6-12 health licensed staff to ensure we are providing medically accurate information in this area.

The Human Growth and Development course is in addition to the regular Health curriculum and is structured into three sections: Social and Emotional Development, Physical Growth and Development, and Preventative Safety Behaviors.

Qualifications:

- Holds a medical license and/or is registered as a nurse, nurse practitioner or physician
- Education or teaching experience preferred

Responsibilities:
• Deliver a 15 minute human growth and development lesson to all District third grade classrooms at Cumberland and Richards Elementary, and answer student questions relating to the lesson.
• Deliver a 30-45 minute human growth and development lesson to all District fourth grade classrooms at Cumberland and Richards Elementary, and answer student questions (separated by identified gender) relating to the lesson.
• Deliver a 30-45 minute human growth and development lesson to all District fifth grade classrooms at Cumberland and Richards Elementary, and answer student questions (separated by identified gender) relating to the lesson.
• Help district administration provide a parent information overview presentation, hosted during the day and in the evening, every other year, or as needed.
• Provide consultation services to our 6-12 Health educators in the area of Human Growth and Development (most likely through a scheduled meeting day and time).

If interested in this position, please contact Maria Kucharski, Director of Teaching and Learning, for an application, at Maria.Kucharski@wfbschools.com or (414) 963-3927, by January 10, 2020. Applications are also located on the District website www.wfbschools.com under the Teaching and Learning Services homepage.