



# Prep Academy News

Friday, January 6, 2023



## Upcoming Schedule

Friday, January 13 – Last day of first semester

Monday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>: MLK DAY – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Professional Development – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Professional Development – NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>: First day of second semester

## What's Next at Prep

On Friday, January 13, we are officially halfway through the year, and by now, students understand the Central Academy routine and know what it takes to earn the grade they want. If you are pleased with first semester grades, keep on doing what you do! If not, remember, second semester begins with a clean slate, so take the lessons learned from first semester about the importance of staying current with assignments and practicing new skills and set a new course for your academic career. Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> is DAY ONE all over again!

**Math:** Semester one math grade will be based on the first four units of work. If students are missing an assessment from those units, talk to the teacher and schedule a time to complete them early next week.

**English:** In English, the last day to turn in missing work is Monday, January 9.

There will be one more vocabulary assessment before the end of the semester.

## Don't Rock The Boat!

The last days before winter break bring one of our favorite Prep Academy activities, BOATRACES!



Boatbuilding teams consist of five Prep Academy students, one adult leader and in many cases one former Prep Academy high school student. Each team is given three pieces of cardboard, two rolls of duct tape and an hour and twenty minutes to build a boat!

Whether it is the challenge course at the fall retreat, team boat building or success in Central Academy classes, the lessons learned remain the same.

- a. Communication is important
- b. Teamwork is a great way to solve problems
- c. Persistence helps you move forward one step at a time!

It is our hope students will continue to practice these skills with each challenge they encounter!

# Reminders

## **Attendance:**

If your child is absent, in addition to contacting your student's home school, please contact the Central Academy Attendance Clerk at 242-7653 or email [terriann.kent@dmschools.org](mailto:terriann.kent@dmschools.org)

## **Canvas:**

Canvas is the link to get detailed information about classroom activities, assignments, and due dates.

Student access: go to [www.dmschools.org](http://www.dmschools.org) click on "student", then "Canvas". You will see a blue column on the left side of the page. Click on "dashboard" to find the individual class information.

Parent access: go to [Canvas Access - Parents - Des Moines Public Schools \(dmschools.org\)](http://Canvas Access - Parents - Des Moines Public Schools (dmschools.org))

for detailed information on how to set up a parent account.

## **Infinite Campus:**

Infinite Campus is where teachers record information about your student's individual progress. This includes grades given on assignments, what assignments might be missing and as time progresses, topic scores. For more information on the use of Infinite Campus visit <https://www.dmschools.org/infinite-campus-studentparent-portal/>

# Contacts

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