

**Friday, October 5, 2018**

**A few items to consider during this long-awaited Friday...**

1. Can you believe we're already at the **midway point of the term**? Please remember to update grades in Aspen/X2 today if you haven't done so already.
2. As you know, our current **PA system** delivers wildly unequal service to different parts of the building. Some good news: We're due for an upgrade and perhaps even a total replacement. To determine the best course of action, though, we need to get a more thorough understanding of the system's current level of performance. Please take a moment to complete an [online survey](#) that will help us to do so. Thank you!
3. We never got to do our planned **fire drill** on Monday, so we still need to do that. Weather permitting, let's try for the start of C Block next Friday. I will confirm the date and time as we get closer, and will announce it to students beforehand, as well.
4. In the aftermath of Monday's incident, I received over a hundred emails from parents. Most of them were similar to this one: "I'd like to **thank you...**and your staff for their ability to keep the students safe and calm....We are **extremely grateful**. While it is extremely unfortunate that in today's world we need to take these types of threats seriously and to act upon them swiftly, I **feel very fortunate** to be part of a school that continues to communicate with the parents immediately and where the children feel safe throughout a very anxiety provoking experience. **Thank you so very much** for all that you do!"
5. Allow me to reiterate that final point one more time: "**Thank you so very much for all that you do!**"

Now, please go out and **give yourself a No Homework Weekend**. I hope you enjoy every minute of it!

**Rick Swanson**  
**Principal**