

"A chess game is divided into three stages: the first, when you hope you have the advantage, the second when you believe you have an advantage, and the third...when you know you're going to lose!"

-- Savielly Tartakower

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On Friday night I told Michaela I was going to clean up the downstairs bathroom in the morning. By the time she got up, I'd stripped the wallpaper, removed the ugly bi-fold closet doors, all the trim, and the drop ceiling. I promised I'd be finished by the time we have family over for Thanksgiving. Cross your fingers! Add in some good baseball scores and I think it qualifies as a good weekend.

Last Friday night marked our first grade 8 dance. Thanks to Gabrielle Berberian, Carmen Comella, Jimmy Goodemote, Susan Heartlein, Pat Higgins, Joyce Kelly, Kathy Marsh, Lauren O'Neil, Tom Patuto, Margi Tessier, Ron Vogel, and Allen Warner for chaperoning the festivities. It was well attended by over 300 8th graders and everyone had a great time.

Wednesday evening is our grade 8 Back-To-School Night. As I have said in previous *Grey Matters*, this evening is an opportunity to experience a "day in the life" of your child as you meet all his/her teachers and learn about the educational programs offered this year. If you have questions specific to your child, be sure to schedule a time when the teacher and/or team can appropriately address your concerns.

As you know, living in New England requires a lot of flexibility and preparedness regarding the weather. One day is it 70°, the next is 45°, and then it is back to 73°. Since it is hard to predict when it will be cold for good, and we don't want the heat blasting when it is 72° outside, the current plan is to wait until October 15 to fire up the boilers and turn on the heat. As a result, there are going to be a few cool mornings in the building and I highly recommend that everyone, students and staff alike, pay attention to the weather and dress accordingly. Remember, layers can be fashionable!

Have a great week.