

*“Art is science made clear.”*

**Jean Cocteau**

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Believe it or not, we are halfway through the school year. Tuesday marks the end of the second term and parents/guardians should expect to see report cards come home in less than two weeks. Families, staff, and the students themselves should be proud of the great learning that has taken place this year.

It has recently come to my attention that January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 27<sup>th</sup> is the third annual NNCW (No Name Calling Week), where hundreds of schools serving students in grades 5-8 across the nation are taking part in a week of educational activities aimed at stopping name-calling and creating safer and more affirming schools for all students. The week is designed to draw attention to the problem of name-calling and bullying in schools, and to provide students and educators with the tools and inspiration to dialogue about ways to eliminate name-calling in their communities. Since RJG is committed to creating an environment that promotes respect for all human differences, NNCW is "food for thought" for all of us. Information regarding NNCW is available at the following website, [www.nonamecallingweek.org](http://www.nonamecallingweek.org). Parents and guardians, you may want to check out the website as a way of gathering ideas for family discussions on this important topic.

The Winter Band Concert is this Tuesday night 7:30 – 9:00. Under the expert direction of Mark Hickey, the AB Director of Performing Arts, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band students have worked very hard and are ready to show their amazing talents. It is an event that you do not want to miss.

This coming Friday night (6:30-8:30) the Student Council is sponsoring the next 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance. Tickets are on sale in homeroom all this week and, as always, will not be available at the door

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