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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SALIDA MIDDLE SCHOOL



Happy New Year



The new year always comes with a refreshed perspective and hopes for the coming year. We are grateful to share the middle school journey with our students; providing support and guidance as they grow up to become thoughtful humans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ⇒ **Quarter 3** and Semester 2 began after winter break. Students switch elective classes and may have a new targeted enrichment class as well. Please reach out to your student's enrichment teacher if you have questions about the content being presented.
- ⇒ Register for **athletics** using FamilyID. Please visit the school website or go to the following link: <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/salida-school-district>
- ⇒ Please take a moment to check your students **lunch balance** in Infinite Campus. If you need support with this, please call the office. Thanks!

HOW THE MIND OF A MIDDLE SCHOOLER WORKS

- ◇ Middle schoolers typically have an attention span of 10 - 12 minutes.
- ◇ Teens learn through interaction and activity.
- ◇ Middle schoolers retain 5 - 7 bits of information at a time.
- ◇ Adolescents misinterpret emotions and instructions 40% of the time.

The brain growth that occurs between the ages of 10 - 15 is the greatest in human life.

Calendar of Events

Friday School: Every Friday, 9:00 - 11:00am SMS Library

Art Club: Every Tuesday, 4:00 - 4:50pm

Girls Basketball: practice has started; First game is Monday 1/23

Winter Dance: Thursday, January 19

5th/6th Grade: 4:30 - 6pm 7th/8th Grade: 6:30 - 8pm

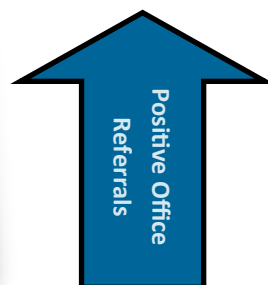
SMS Accountability Meeting: Wednesday, 1/25 3 - 4pm

Band & Choir Concert: Wednesday, 3/15

Spring Break: March 20- March 23



We are building a community that celebrates our students and staff; while challenging students academically.



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Fall - Salida Academic Booster Club Award Winners

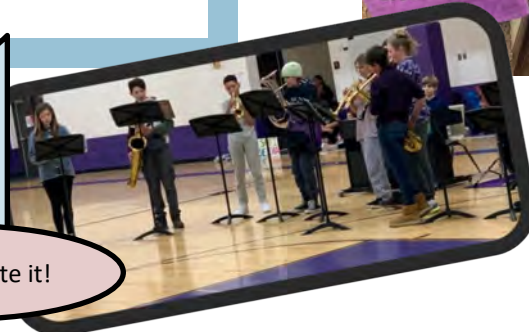
- **Andrew Fast** - 5th grade Team- Special Effort
- **Owen Cozart** - 5th grade Team - Special Effort, Citizenship
- **Treva Phizacklea** - SMS Special Education Team - Citizenship
- **Tait Cheeseman** - 6th Grade Team - Scholastic Achievement
- **Madelyn Cabe** - 6th Grade Team - Scholastic Achievement
- **Zailee Saari** - 7th Grade Team - Scholastic Achievement
- **Myah Scott** - Alison Manthey - Special Achievement in non Athletic Activities
- **Kylee Johnson** - 7th Grade Team - Special Effort
- **Kaleb Carpenter** - 7th grade Team - Scholastic Achievement, Special Effort
- **Kali Keast** - 8th Grade Team - Scholastic Achievement
- **John Fast** - 8th grade Team - Scholastic Achievement

A BIG THANK YOU to PTO for:

The Staff Breakfast; The Scholastic Book Fair; The Holiday Cookie Walk

We appreciate it!

Class Competitions



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