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TO: Board Members and Administrators
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RE: Information Update Report

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Highlights from Reynolds Junior-Senior High School:

1. Mrs. Winkle reported her students are very busy with preparing for the upcoming Keystone tests by working diligently on various test preparation literature topics on the Study Island website and in the classroom. Her students will continue working toward earning all their ribbons in the Study Island program by passing all sections in order to fulfill their graduation requirement. The students who passed the Keystone testing this fall will be able to "graduate" from the remediation course and take another course of their choice for the remainder of the school year. This is a great incentive for students to work their hardest on passing the Keystone tests!

Mrs. Winkle also co-advises Junior High Student Council with Mrs. Kitchen. The Junior High Student Council students have sponsored a MORP dance in Jan., which was a lot of fun! They received a lot of positive feedback about the dance from students and hope that this is something they can do each year! The seventh and eighth graders raised money through candle sales this fall to help cover expenses for the dance. To wrap up the year, Junior High Student Council is organizing a PSSA Recess day as an incentive for junior high students to do their best on PSSA testing this year. This will be the second year for this activity, and the students are excited to participate in it again this year.

2. Mrs. Fuchs reported that her seventh graders have been pairing up with some of Mrs. Tyson's eighth graders in order to become familiar with the principles of MLA writing. They have been meeting in the library and locating information for their research, learning about plagiarism, and practicing a work cited page. They are all getting excited for the junior high English Festival at YSU Thursday April 27th!
3. Mrs. Donnelly reported that her Sophomore English classes are finishing MLA research papers. They learned the new changes in MLA format implemented this year, and they researched various educational topics and worked on detail and organizational writing.
4. Mr. Mull reported that as the students finish the third nine weeks, they finish reading Jordan Sonnenblick's novel *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*. This book allowed students to explore tone and mood while reading a touching story about a boy's story about a family dealing with childhood Leukemia. In finishing the book, we begin *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli. This book challenges the students' thoughts on individuality and the

consequences of conformity. In addition to working on these reading skills, his students will be writing narratives inspired by Chris VanAllsburg's book *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*. These stories will use the ELA skills learned throughout the year and synthesize this information to show mastery.

5. Mrs. Hoovler reported her Algebra two students are studying finding zeros of a function by the dreaded long division and then quickly with synthetic division. They also have mastered using Decartes' Rules of Signs. Her College Algebra/Trigonometry students have finished inverse functions and are now solving for missing parts of triangles by the Law of Sines. They are also finding the area of triangles with trig because the height is not known. Her Calculus students finished finding zeros by Newton's Law. They then started integral calculus by finding the antiderivative of polynomial functions. Prom decorations are coming along and tickets will go on sale starting April 19 with the actual prom on May 12.