

Today is "B" Day



**Changes to Detention Schedule**

Due to a field trip, **changes** were made to the **detention dates**. The original detention dates will be served on the shown replacement dates:

Original	Replacement	Where	With
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	Thursday, March 17, 2016	Room H2	Mr. Lambdin
Friday, March 18, 2016	Tuesday, March 22, 2016	Room H2	Mr. Lambdin.

**Tutoring Changes**

There will be **no after-school tutoring on Tuesday, March 15**. Students should take the bus at 3:00 and go home. Tutoring will resume on **Wednesday March 16**.



**Festival Music Concert: Today**

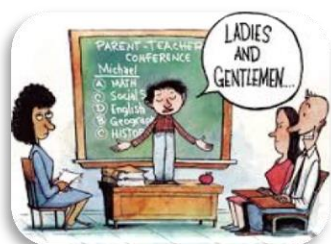
- Who: The instrumental musicians at Stout;
- What: Will present their **Festival Music** at a concert;
- When: **Today, Tuesday evening, March 15;**
- Time: From 7:00-8:00;
- Where: **Stout's auditorium.**

Please feel free to join us for our "Excellent" Stout Musicians. **Mr. Walters**

**High Ratings for Stout's Band and Strings**

**Stout Middle School Band** received **straight ones (1)**, or all **Superior** marks, from the four (4) judges at the **Michigan State Band and Orchestra Festival**. The four judges also gave **Stout Middle School Strings** a **two (2)**, **one (1)**, **two (2)**, and **two (2)** - one of the judges gave them a **B+ (high 2)**. An **A** - instead would have given them another superior rating! Sooooo close.

The **One (1)** rating caused **screaming, shouting, crying, hugging, and spontaneous singing of school fight songs**. The children **applauded, sang, cheered, and shouted the ENTIRE bus ride home**. The children were so excited and extremely happy that **their ratings were higher than rival schools**. Thanks – **Mr. Walters**



**Parent Teacher Conferences: Today**

**Today, Tuesday, March 15, 2016 is the Parent Teacher Conferences Day**. Parents can come to Stout middle School **Cafeteria between 4:00 and 7:00 pm** and talk to their children's teachers about the kids' academic achievements, behavioral problems, or things that stand in the way of progressing and developing. Make sure you **bring the Report Card with you**. **Interpreters will be available**. Just ask for one!

## **The Battle of Books is over .... Until Next Year**

The Battle of Books that raged at Stout Middle School for the past 4 weeks came to an abrupt end and here are the conquerors: The Army (or team) of "Hit the Books" sponsored by Ms. Julie Wooton that consisted of the soldiers:



Jood Altaii

Hussein Yassin

Gabriel Hassan

Shahd Alghurbani

Sukaina Al-Dhalimi

Each of the five (5) soldiers received a \$50 gift certificate to this week's book fair. However, every participating student received a bag and a cup (with "Stout Middle School Battle of the Books personalized on them), a bookmark, a certificate of participation, and a free book from the book fair.

Wouldn't it be nice if every war was fought this way?????



### **STEM Program Deadline: March 18**

Applications for the 2016-2017 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) are currently being accepted **on-line** by visiting <http://stem.dearbornschools.org/stem-application/>. All applications must be submitted by March 18.

Please visit <http://stem.dearbornschools.org/> for more information on the program or contact Ms. Julia Maconochie, Principal, STEM Middle School at (313) 827-1904.

### **Mr. Melvin's Tie Contest Deadline: Today**

Starting Friday, March 4, Mr. Melvin is having a tie contest to have YOU help design his new tie. Your tie must be based on a great book you have read. You can choose a favorite character, battle, or other scene and draw it on the entry form. Please do not just draw the cover of your book. Also, submit a paragraph that explains how your picture represents the book you chose. The winning entry will be turned into a tie that Mr. Melvin will keep and wear year after year.

- **Grand Prize:** \$25 certificate to Stout's Book Fair, and creation of his/her tie for Mr. Melvin to wear.
- **Second Prize:** \$10 to the Book Fair;
- **Runners-up:** \$5 book certificates that can be used only with Scholastic Book Orders.

All entries must be received by the end of the school day on Tuesday, March 15.





### **Hat Day: March 18**

There will be a *Relay for Life Hat day* on **Friday March 18**. Students and staff can pay \$1 to wear a hat all day. Thanks – Ms. Poloni

### **Stout Annual Spelling Bee: March 22**

The *Stout Annual Spelling Bee* will be held on **Tuesday, March 22**. Spelling lists can be found at the following classrooms:

- ✓ 6th. Grade                      *Ms. Schulkey*
- ✓ 7th. Grade                        *Mr. Serazio*
- ✓ 8th. Grade                        *Mr. Bennett*

Sharpen your spelling skills and do your best.



### **Late Arrival Day: March 16**

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** is a *late Arrival Day*. Whether you want to stay up a little bit longer or wake up a bit later does not matter to us. What matters is that you come to school refreshed and ready to get some education.

### **Spring Break 2016: March 25 – April 1**

Spring is just around the corner and it brings with it very welcome **March Break** that extends from **March 25<sup>th</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students are expected **back to school on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. Enjoy the break and have fun. However, we expect you to come back refreshed, ready, and prepared. Make sure you complete all your assignments and bring it back with you. **Get yourselves to a good start!**



### **Stout Track is Back: April 11**

With the arrival of spring, comes the **2016 Stout Track Season** for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders! The **first day of tryouts** will take place on **MONDAY, APRIL 11!**

If you plan to try out, please read the following requirements:

1. **Students must have a minimum of 2.0 on marking period 4 report card and maintain that GPA (or above).** If a 2.0 is not reached or is lost, the athlete will be dismissed from the team.
2. **Students with poor school behavior (bus, hallway, class, cafeteria, etc.) will not be permitted to join.**
3. **Students must have a sport physical completed before they can participate (before the first practice on 4/11).** If you have already played football, basketball, swimming, or volleyball for Stout, you already have a physical on file. **If you have not played a sport yet, get a physical ASAP!**

**ATTENTION POTENTIAL (6th grade) TEAM MANAGERS:** See **Coach Rancilio** or **Coach Hool** about the possibility of becoming a track manager. Managers must meet all the same requirements as the athletes. For any questions, please contact **Coach Hool** at [hoolc@dearbornschools.org](mailto:hoolc@dearbornschools.org) or **Coach Rancilio** at [rancilm@dearbornschools.org](mailto:rancilm@dearbornschools.org).



### **Tigers Game: May 25**

Spring is around the corner, which can mean only one thing: **Tigers' baseball**. Stout is going to **Comerica Park** on **Wednesday, May 25**. We will be **leaving school** at around **12:00** and will **return** by **5:15**. The trip is open to all grades, but there are **only 37 spots** available for each grade. To be able to go, you must:

- **Have a 2.0 GPA;**
- **Have not been suspended in the second semester.**

Once we start collecting, students who fill up the spots first will get to go (**first to pay first to go**). There will be **no track meet on this date** and the track coaches have graciously agreed to excuse students from practice. **The cost of the trip is \$30. Mr. Haddad.**

### **Cedar Point: June 2**

The annual **7th and 8th grade Cedar Point** trip is scheduled for **June 2**. There are certain criteria that you must meet to be able to go:

- 1) **You must have a 2.0 grade point average;**
- 2) **No E's on your 5th marking period report card;**
- 3) **No suspension from school for any reason, until the trip date;**
- 4) **Cannot have 24 or more combined tardies from February 1st until the trip date.**

Make sure you are working hard and making it to class on time. **Mr. Haddad**

