



# Bulldog Bulletin

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December 2017

## Spelling Bee

Ms. Billie Wharton



### What's That Buzz?

Each year, Georgetown Middle School's best spellers compete to win a place in the annual GMS Spelling Bee. This year, ELA classes will conduct Bees resulting in approximately 44 contestants to compete in the first of two school-wide events on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an elimination event that will serve to select the top 15+ spellers to later compete in our final event to be held in February. The winner of our final Bee will represent GMS at The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual The Sun News Spelling Bee held at St. James High School on March 10, 2018. This event is open to the public so consider *beeing* there to support our representative. The champion of this Bee will represent our area in the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. To learn more about the Scripps National Spelling Bee, check out their website at [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com).

## MAP Testing

Ms. Ashton Goretzke



MAP, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote academic growth. During the first weeks of school, students took two MAP tests to assess Reading and Mathematics. Students will repeat the tests again in December and April. When taking the MAP test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. Although the tests are not timed, it usually takes students one to two hours to complete each test. Student Progress Reports will be sent home in January with 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Report Cards. Contact your student's ELA or math teacher for a full understanding of how the information can be used.

## Entertainment

Ms. Desiree Meyer



The GMS Winter Band and Chorus Concert will take place on Thursday, December 14, 2017. The concert will begin at 6pm with the band in the GMS gymnasium, and after a brief intermission at 6:30pm, the concert will resume in the GMS Auditorium at 6:40pm for the choral performance. A variety of selections will be performed to showcase the work students have been doing in class this fall, and the performances will include some holiday selections. There is no admission fee.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27	28	29	30 Interims	1 PBIS Film Fest
4	5	6	7 Drama Performance 6:00	8
11	12	13	14 Winter Concert 6:00	15
18	19	20	21	22
WINTER BREAK				
25	26	27	28	29
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WINTER BREAK		School Resumes		

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