



December 3, 2015

Dear Middle School Parents,

JanTerm is already underway! In a terrific kickoff, students began to learn “Architecture 101” with architect major Emily Cook. In their classrooms, students have already begun reviewing and practicing research skills. Though our major work will take place in the month of January, students have started the topic selection process and will continue to lay the foundation for this project in the month of December.

We need your help in keeping all of our students on track. Here is a timeline of the major deadlines the middle school students will need to complete this project.

Thurs. Dec. 3 Topic Choice Form distributed

Thurs. Dec. 10 Topics must be selected and topic selection turned in

Fri Dec. 11 Topics approved—library sources (2 books) must be brought to school Monday, Dec. 14 (Note: books will need to be renewed)

Mon Dec. 14: Library books to be approved

Dec. 23-Jan 4 Optional research over winter vacation

Jan. 14 Outlines due for approval

Jan. 15-22 Paper-writing in school and for homework

Weds & Thurs. Jan 20-21: Choose type of presentation—get approval from faculty, including list of materials.

Fri-Mon Jan 22-24 “Working Weekend”—begin work on presentations, research paper must be in final stages by Mon Jan. 25.

Mon Jan. 25-Thurs Jan. 27—final editing and revising of paper and preparation/practicing for presentation

Fri Jan 29: JanTerm Expo begins at 9:00am

** During JanTerm, students will also be participating in a Judaic Studies integrative study on the connected theme: "Holy Spaces." The students will work in small groups on a final project that will be shared at the JanTerm Expo.

Attached please read and review the following materials:

- ✓ Topic Selection Form (hard copy and e-copy sent home)
- ✓ JanTerm Grading Rubric (e-copy sent home)

We know that this project will require the support and partnership of our families so we are striving to make each piece clear and timely to ensure the project's success. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Happy Researching,

The Middle School Faculty

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL WITH TOPIC SELECTION FORM ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10.

I have read and reviewed the JanTerm documents and look forward to working on this exciting and meaningful project.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____