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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

Dec. 8, 2023

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Happy Friday, everyone! It's hard to believe that we are just a few short weeks from Winter Break and ushering in a new year. Like you, I'm trying to stay healthy while we're in the midst of the dreaded cold and flu season. So far, I'm doing fine. I hope you are too.

This time of year holds particular importance in our academic calendar, with teachers covering substantial material and crucial assessments taking place before the Winter Break. Maintaining good health is paramount to ensure our scholars can fully participate in their learning experience.

We acknowledge the prevalent issue of student absenteeism in schools nationwide and statewide. Your efforts to support your child's attendance greatly contribute to their academic success. We encourage everyone to unite in prioritizing health, timely attendance, and readiness for learning.

While we recognize the necessity of keeping an ill child at home for their recovery, we appreciate your cooperation in staying connected with teachers and counselors to obtain missed assignments. Open communication is key to supporting your child's academic progress.

Together, let's create a healthy and thriving learning environment for our students.

Here is some helpful information for this cold and flu season:

- [Protect Yourself from Flu](#)
- [Flu and COVID-19 vaccination information](#)
- [Health Care and Clinic Information](#)

Around TR!

- If you haven't heard by now, the Grant Union High School varsity football team is in Southern California to defend its CIF state championship title this afternoon. The Pacers will play the La Serna Lancers at 4 p.m. in the Division 2-AA game at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo. The Pacers have already defended their CIF Sac-Joaquin Section and NorCal Regional titles. Should be a great game. Let's go Pacers!
- Congratulations to Foothill High School senior Artem Vovk. He's scheduled to sign a letter of intent to play soccer at UCLA. He was offered a full-ride scholarship. Way to go, Artem!

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- We're having a Teacher Recruitment Fair on Dec. 20 at the district office. If you know someone who is interested in working for our beloved district, please share [this flyer](#).
- The district will be closed to the public for Winter Break from Monday, Dec. 25, through Friday, Jan. 5, 2024. Our regular hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez".

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified