



13 January 2017

Planning Ahead

Monday, 16 January – **Martin Luther King Day. No school.**

Tuesday, 24 January – Regents Exam in **Global History & Geography**, 9:00 a.m.
Regents Exam in **English Language Arts (CC)**, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 25 January – Regents Exam in **Living Environment**, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, 26 January – Regents Exam in **U.S. History & Government**, 9:00 a.m.
Regents Exam in **Algebra 1 (CC)**, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, 27 January – End of 2nd Quarter

Saturday, 28 January – **MACSA Bible Quiz-a-thon**. Lancaster Co., PA

Monday, 30 January – **Half-year Celebration.**

Wednesday, 1 February – **2017 Science Fair** introduced. 9:00 a.m. **Parents welcome.**

Thursday, 9 February – **MACSA Bible Quiz-a-thon**. Lancaster Co., PA

Friday, 10 February – **2017 Science Fair** proposals due

Monday, 13 February – **Presidents' Day. No school.**

Thursday, February 23 – **MACSA Bible Quiz-a-thon**. Lancaster Co., PA

She Stayed Home

On Tuesday evening, President Obama gave his farewell address to the nation from his adopted home city of Chicago. He touted his achievements, promised do all he could for a peaceful transition of power next Friday to the new presidency, delivered a message of hope and optimism for the future, and recognized the contributions of many who walked with him on the journey, including, first of all, his wife Michelle and his daughters Sasha and Malia.

Except that, when the cameras panned to where they were sitting, only Mrs. Obama and Malia were there, not Sasha. Social media immediately lit up over the missing daughter, but President and Mrs. Obama had a very good explanation – 15-year-old Sasha had a school final the next day and had to stay home in Washington, D.C. to study!

I wonder how many of us would encourage our children to miss a family or church event to study for an important test or complete their homework. Right now, our children's most important job is school. I'm sure Sasha definitely wanted to be in Chicago with her family. But her parents knew what her first priority was and she obeyed them by putting first things first – her school work. **With two weeks to go until the end of the semester, many of us would do well to do the same.**

Have a great week!

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