Dear Warrior Parent,

The **PAGE (Professional Association of Georgia Educators) Academic Bowl** is an annual competition open to all Georgia 6-8th graders and it is established to inspire and encourage academic success and self-confidence. It is a *Jeopardy* style competition that cover the entire middle school curriculum in the following areas: • English/Literature • Math • Science • Social Studies/History (including GA)/Geography • Current Events • Art/Music • Physical Education. Trying out for the 2018 team is open to any interested student who completes the summer assignment. Below are the summer requirements for a student to be eligible to try out next Fall. Remember only those who complete the following requirements will be allowed to continue with the try-out process.

1. Read at least five books from the attached reading list and create at least 10 questions per book on Quizlet (see details below). The questions should be about basic facts and details about the book’s author, main characters, plot, setting, etc.
2. Find at least 20 abbreviations in any newspaper and create a study set on Quizlet. Your questions should include an abbreviation and what that stands for. (DOE, FDA…) Study the Quizlet questions from the RMS Academic Bowl Quizlet class (details below).

At the start of the school year, we will have an introductory meeting to discuss the competition format, mandatory practices, and study materials. The next 6 weeks will be the first round of tryouts. Students will earn points by taking tests and answering questions during practice rounds. We will practice with the competition buzzers so knowing the material is not enough; students will have to be quick to respond too. There will be a running point count and at the end of the try-out period, the top 12-15 kids will be selected to try-out for a spot on the competition team. They will continue testing each week in the same format and will be assigned additional study material for practice. ***We will select our competitive team members sometime in early November.***

**How will we prepare each time we meet?** Students will be give the material with sample questions covering all relevant topics for review. They will need to study those in addition to any other source information they can find and use to prepare themselves. Practices are mandatory unless excused by me on a case-by-case basis.

**When is the competition?** January 7 - Regional competition and January 21 - State Championship - the top two teams advance from each region to go to state.

**How do you select who is on the team?** I will select the team from the top performers who have completed all requirements and have the best scores. The maximum members on the team are 10 but we may select as few as 5. **We want the best of the best!**

**What is Quizlet?** Quizlet is a free, study tool for all ages! Students will need to create an account in order to access and create study questions.. Next, search for “RMS Academic Bowl Class” and make a request to join the class. The administrator will add you to the class and you can now create study sets and study all the sets which are already created. When you are creating a new set, please make sure you set it to ‘private’ so that only members of RMS can view it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email at McGarr.Troy@muscogee.k12.ga.us or our parent coordinator at seon\_jeon@hotmail.com

Thank you and hope to see you next fall!