

Class of 2015 9th Grade Newsletter

October/November 2011 Edition

With the first month of school already behind us, this edition of the 9th Grade Newsletter provides you with information on clubs and other activities planned for later this fall. This newsletter is a reminder of eligibility guidelines for participation in clubs, events, and extracurricular activities along with other rules and procedures. If there are other topics you would like me to include in a future newsletter, please let me know. Best wishes for a successful end to the 1st quarter and a strong start next quarter.

Mr. Gutchell
Class Assistant Principal

FREE EXTRA HELP IN MATH & SCIENCE

Assistance with math and science homework, along with support to help you prepare for class exams and the year-end Regents Examinations in those courses is available every Tuesday and Thursday when school is open and in session from 6:30-9:30pm in High School East 101. One-on-one or small group help with coursework, homework, or test preparation is available in an informal setting. There is no appointment needed—just show up whenever you need additional assistance in math or science. Students are requested to bring class notes, their textbooks, and problem sets to assure that the help given is consistent with the teacher's presentation. Tutors are volunteers from the teaching, science, and engineering professions. For more information, call P.D. Mackenzie at 387-6831

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Participation in extra-curricular activities and events such as, but not limited to, dances, Handball Tournament, athletic events, Dodgeball Tournament, Shen Idol, coffeehouse, and other events as scheduled, is an earned privilege. Students earn these privileges based on three major criteria:

Attendance

- May not exceed 5 unexcused tardies/absences to school per marking period

Behavior

- May not commit a Level 3 or 4 infraction during a marking period
- May not cut a class or may not have more than (3) Level 1 or 2 incidents per marking period

Achievement

- Cannot be failing more than one subject.

Exceptions – Students may work themselves off of ineligibility for behavior issues by performing community service and, for academic issues, with the development of an academic recovery plan.

- Student circumstances will be evaluated at 5-week intervals.
- Administration determines the eligibility of all students, for all events, at anytime, based on the circumstances of each individual student.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club begins Tuesday, October 18, and will run every Tuesday and Thursday after school in Rooms 8 and 10. Teachers from High School West, along with upperclassmen students, will be available to assist students with their homework. Please listen to the announcements in October for more details.

BUS INFORMATION/END-OF-DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Students may only ride their assigned bus. In *emergency* situations, students may seek permission to ride a different bus from the ones assigned to them. A note from a parent/guardian must be submitted, as early as possible, to the Main Office and it must be approved in order to obtain a pass to ride an alternative bus. Students either walking home or getting a ride home at the end of the school day are to report to the Cafeteria and are to wait there until the buses have departed from the building. In addition, students found in the middle schools without having prior approval will be disciplined.

ELECTRONICS POLICY

Students are not allowed to display or use electronic devices during the school day from the time they enter the High School West building until the time they are dismissed from the building, unless given permission by a faculty or staff member to use such devices for school-related or other authorized activities. Violation of this policy may result in electronic devices being confiscated and a referral to the class assistant principal. Students that bring expensive electronic devices with them to school are advised to have the serial numbers of these devices recorded and this information stored in a safe place at home as this information is helpful for administration to return such devices to their rightful owners after they go missing at school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, October 4 – High School West Open House, 6:30-9:00pm (for Parents/Guardians)
- Thursday, October 6th – 2nd Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Friday, October 7th – SFA Senate Spirit Rally; Green and White Friday; Early Release Drill – ALL AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED; FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULED FOR 7PM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
- Monday, October 10th – NO SCHOOL – COLUMBUS DAY
- Tuesday, October 18th – Mid-quarter Grades Reported on Portal
- Friday, October 28th – Picture Retakes
- Friday, November 4th – Green and White Friday
- Friday, November 11th – NO SCHOOL – VETERANS DAY
- Monday, November 14th – 2nd Quarter Begins
- Thursday, November 17th through Saturday, November 19 – HS Drama Club Presentation of “*The Importance of Being Earnest*”; 7:30 pm Adelson Theatre at High School West
- Tuesday, November 22nd – 1st Quarter Report Cards Distributed
- Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th – NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING RECESS

