

December, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Accompanying this letter is the second quarter interim reports. Please review these results with your child and if there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Silverman (grade 6-8 counselor) or Ms. Kirkpatrick (grade 9-12 counselor) at 895-5350 ext. 227.

For your information, enclosed you will find a copy of the January 2012 Regents Exam Schedule. Please be advised school will be altered in the following manner – on Tuesday, January 24, all juniors will be taking the English Regents in the afternoon. Therefore, we will have an early dismissal for students in 9th, 10th, and 12th grade on that day. Students in 6th, 7th, 8th grade will follow a regular full-day schedule. The remaining days that week will follow a full-day schedule (Wednesday, January 25th – Friday, January 27th). Please note: Albany and Schoharie VOTEC will not be in session on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. VOTEC students can be released from school during their VOTEC class time providing we receive a signed note from home granting permission to do so.

A reminder to all students, in order to achieve academic excellence, attendance and punctuality is important. If a student is late for school, it is necessary that he/she bring in a written excuse. If a student is absent, please contact Mrs. Longo, attendance secretary at 895-5350 ext. 224.

The following items are of particular note as they pertain to safety and security in our building and our pursuit of ensuring a positive learning environment:

Cell phones/Electronic Devices Students may bring cell phones to school, however, they must be turned off and not used while school is in session. The use of cell phones by students is also prohibited when disruptive to an afterschool event such as a concert/presentation. Students may use the office phones for emergencies at any time; they may also use the office phones during lunch or study hall to make other contact with home or parents.

Evening Sports Events Students may remain in school after dismissal providing they are staying for an organized activity that is directly supervised by a staff member. Students should not be staying after 3:00pm dismissal in order to attend evening sporting events that begin at 6:00pm.

Food/Drink We are making an effort to encourage school pride by ensuring that the school buildings and grounds are clean for our students and community visitors. We ask that any food/drink that is brought into the building (open containers of coffee/juice) be consumed in the cafeteria. Food and drink that is purchased in the café by students should be consumed in the cafeteria.

Picking up/dropping off When dropping off your child(ren) between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., please use the upper parking lot (on Alexander Road). This lot will also be used as the pick-up point at 3:00 p.m. dismissal. This has been coordinated so that there is no congestion in either the guidance circle or the main circle with our buses entering and departing school grounds. The lot is a one-way drive in the morning to ensure student safety. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

School Delay/Cancellation This is the time of year that there may be school delays and/or closings due to inclement weather. You can watch channels 6, 9, 10 & 13, tune into radio channel 95-5 FM or log into www.cancellations.com.

Dates at a Glance

January 13, 2012 Early Dismissal, 11:15am
January 16, 2012 Martin Luther King Day – No School
January 24-27 Regents Exams for students taking English and re-taking Int. Alg., Geometry, Alg. II/Trig., Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry, Global History & Geography, and US History.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 895-5350. As always, Duaneburg MS/HS is committed to providing excellence in education.

Sincerely,

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