

DOLORES SECONDARY SCHOOLS

===== PARENT MONDAY MEMO--AUGUST 20, 2018 =====

WOW! THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for an amazing first week of school! What a great crew of students we have, and I am so excited to go to work each day! Your kids are truly fantastic people, and they are the reason we are here! Thank you for your continued trust of our school, and for your efforts to work with us to create the best possible experience for their learning. Below, information about the week. If you have any questions, please give me a call. I am here to serve you and your students. Thanks so much,

Jen

NWEA TESTING BEGINS TODAY--MONDAY

We will begin with Reading. All students in grades 7-10, and those in success classes, will take the NWEA in Reading, Language Usage, Math, and Science. Please encourage your students to do their very best. We use this data to determine what our students know, and what they still need to learn. We will also use this data to make our final determinations about which students are truly in need of an ELA or Math success course, to provide support for skills development, alongside their regular English and Math courses.

ADVISORY THIS WEEK

- Students will begin their exploration of the 7 Mindsets, with an introduction and overview.
- Middle school students will spend a few days engaged in a short curriculum called "Start with Hello," where they will learn tools and tips for preventing social isolation. This curriculum is a total of 6 advisory class days over three weeks.
- 9-11 grade students will be completing "credit review" worksheets and plans, which will be coming home for you to review and sign. They will also begin the "Start with Hello" curriculum.

- Seniors will be introduced to their Google Classroom site, where they will find all documents and scholarships as they become available. They should be checking this site frequently. They will also meet with Superintendent Kasper.
- Students will also have an opportunity for grade checks and academic study time on Friday. See specifics about Seniors below.
- Over the course of the next few weeks, all students will also take the Multiple Intelligences Inventory. This is a "learning preferences" questionnaire which will help us better design assignments that work with student strengths, and also design assignments that develop their less desired learning preferences.



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SENIOR FRIDAYS

As an incentive, and a Senior perk, we are offering the possibility for an extended senior lunch on Fridays this year. Here is how it works:

On Fridays only, Seniors will check in with their advisory teachers, who will check the following:

- the student has been present for every enrolled class period during the week (unless absent for sports)
- the student has C's or better in every class

If the senior is good to go, the teacher will send the student to the office to check out early for lunch.

- failure to check in with the teacher, or check out with the office, will result in loss of the privilege for the following week.

If you DO NOT want your student to have this opportunity, please let his or her advisory teacher know as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, August 20: Booster Club Meeting, 4 p.m., Library
Thursday, August 23: MS Volleyball @ home vs. Mancos, 4 p.m.
Friday, August 24: HS Football @ home vs. Dove Creek, 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 25: HS Volleyball @ John Mall Tournament, Walsenburg

