Dolores Secondary Schools

Parent Monday Memo--October 15, 2018

Happy Fall Y'all!

I am absolutely loving the briskness in the air and the color of the leaves, mixed with snowcapped mountains. So grateful for the moisture we received last week!

Sports seasons are winding down, as teams head toward districts and regionals, with a hope and a dream of making it to the "ship."

Middle School Cross Country heads to state on Friday. If you would like to help us send them off, and if your students would like to earn spirit points, they are leaving at noon from the school.

Advisory this Week

Due to the end of quarter approaching, Advisory this week will be 3/4 academic advisory. In this setup, teachers work to support students with getting and staying caught up in their classes. Students can utilize this time to arrange make up tests and additional support with other teachers.

We will also have one day of continuing with the theme of "Passion First."

As we move into the second quarter, we will be working with students on the theme of Connectedness. We will also work with them to gather input into the structure of advisory, soliciting their ideas about how we can use the MyWays Framework (below) to make the advisory time as meaningful as possible. This will especially be developed with high school students, as our goal is that all students develop the college and career readiness skills they need to be successful in all 4 of these important areas.

20 Competencies Comprise the MyWays Model

Content Knowledge

- English Core
- · Math Core
- Science, Social Studies, Arts, Languages
- Interdisciplinary & Global Knowledge
- Career-Related Technical Skills

Creative Know How

- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- · Creativity & Entrepreneurship
- Communication & Collaboration
- · Information, Media & Technology Skills
- Practical Life Skills

Habits of Success

- · Academic Behaviors
- Self-Direction & Perseverance
- Positive Mindsets
- · Learning Strategies
- Social Skills & Responsibility

Wayfinding Abilities

- Surveying the College, Career & Life Landscape
- Identifying Opportunities & Setting Goals
- Developing Personal Roadmaps
- Finding Needed Help & Resources
- Navigating Each Stage of the Journey

Colorado Free College Application Day is October 30

On October 30, all colleges in the state of Colorado will waive their application fees. In order to be able to submit applications, students will need to begin them BEFORE this date. We will set them up with time in advisory next week to begin these, but you can help your student by having him/her show you the applications he/she is working on, and helping to make sure he/she has all correct information.

Here is a link to more info:

https://zcs1.campaign-view.com/ua/viewinbrowser? od=11287eca739099&rd=131ed86e61480fb8&sd=131ed86e61478243&n=11699e4c0e7ede9&mrd=131ed86e61478235&m=1

Opportunities for Academic Help

If your child is struggling, please please be in contact with his/her teachers to work together on a plan to help your child be successful.

Remember that we offer after school tutoring and homework help Monday through Wednesday, 3:45 till 4:45 p.m.

Bears Spirit Contest

The Seniors are still in the lead by a very narrow margin, followed by:

9th grade--2nd place 7th grade--3rd place 8th grade--4th place 11th grade--5th place 10th grade--6th place The winner of the month gets the privilege of pizza in advisory the first week of November. Your student can earn points for his/her team by: • Being in attendance and having zero tardies • Keeping your grades above C's (the class with the highest average first quarter GPA will get double points) • Staying out of trouble and remembering that Dolores vision of passion, integrity, and kindness • Attending the Volleyball Game on Tuesday night--double points if you are in Bear Wear • Wearing Bear Wear on Thursday • Showing up to send off the Middle School State Cross Country delegation on Friday Morning