

# Parent Update

Woodbury Junior - Senior High School

February 2010

2nd Marking Period Report

It is hard to believe half of the school year has come and gone! Things are going well; teachers and students are working hard and enjoying the 2009-2010 school year journey. There are a few important items to share at this time of the year. Please reach out to any of the people listed on the left to answer any questions you might have at this time or in the future.

## PARENT—TEACHER CONFERENCES:

FEBRUARY 24

1:30—3:00 PM

Parents who did not attend the December conferences are expected to attend; **ALL** are welcome! Thank you for your continual support and concern.

### Junior High

Tom Braddock, Assistant Principal,  
extension 228

Marge Pertuit, School Counselor,  
extension 272

Sharon Cardwell, Child Study Team,  
extension 223

### Senior High

Jason Vivadelli, Assistant Principal,  
extension 221

Dan Howey, School Counselor,  
extension 256

Joe Jarrett, School Counselor,  
extension 227

Lois Spritzler/Denise Evans\*, Child  
Study Team, extension 233

Tanya Ripley, Child Study Team,  
extension 330

Gloria Goode, District Social Worker,  
extension 259

**Attendance Policy:** A secondary pupil will be present for one—hundred sixty—six (166) days in order to be awarded course credit regardless of the reason for the absence, except that absences for the observance of religious holidays and absences caused by suspension will be counted toward the one—hundred sixty—six (166) day total. The full policy and regulation (5200) can be reviewed on our website—under the Board of Education tab.

The Saturday Attendance Program is held once each month (January—June) for students who have accumulated too many absences. We **strongly encourage** students to take the opportunity to earn days back by attending the Saturday School program. Sessions run from 8 a.m. to Noon in the Gold cafeteria. Students must enter through the lobby doors (by the Gold Cafeteria). Door will be locked promptly at 8 a.m. Student must sign in with the Program monitor to receive credit. Each student is expected to bring enough work to keep busy throughout the session. The remaining session dates are: February 13\*, March 13, April 10, May 8, and June 12.

State Mandated Tests: The High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) is scheduled for the first week in March. (March 2, 3, and 4). All 11th grade students and some 12th grade students are required to take this high—stakes test. Information, specific to this test will be shared with parents in the upcoming weeks.

### Credits Needed for Graduation

130

### Credits Needed for Promotion to:

Grade 10 - 30

Grade 11 - 60

Grade 12 - sufficient credits  
scheduled to graduate

**Homework completion** might just be the biggest academic concern for our teachers and students. Below, is a list of some homework strategies that should help improve student learning and ultimate success in school. Thank you in advance for working with us!

1. Set up a consistent place for homework to be done. Homework should be done in the same place every night – not on the couch one night, at the dinner table the next, and the bedroom the following night.
2. Organize your homework spot to maximize efficiency. Have a box with everything your child might need to complete any given homework assignment...pencils, erasers, glue, scissors, markers, paper etc. This will greatly reduce homework procrastination.
3. Help your child establish a consistent schedule for completing homework. Depending on the child's after school schedule, it may not be possible to do the homework at the same time every night. Therefore, it may be wise to sit down Sunday night each week and create the homework schedule for the upcoming week.
4. Do not sit with your child and do the homework together. The purpose of the homework is for your child to practice what he or she has learned in class. If your child cannot do the homework alone, please—contact the teacher.
5. After your child completes the homework, discuss it...What did he or she learn from the homework? What steps were easy? Difficult?

By implementing some or all of these tips, teachers are sure to see an increase in homework completion and therefore, an increase in academic achievement!

A series of events are planned for the last week of February in honor of Black History Month. A very special culminating event—**Food for the Soul**—is planned for **Thursday, February 25**. We call it the ultimate **Family Dinner** and hope that all who desire will participate. At **1:30 p.m.** any student who brings a dinner dish from their "family ties" — enough to feed 2—will join the dinner table. We expect that many students will invite their parent as their guest! Students must sign up **Tuesday, February 23** in order to participate. We are very excited about the event and hope you will be able to join us!

