



Weekly

# NEWSLETTER

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January 7, 2011



Dear Parents,

We are avidly looking at attendance data and a fact rings through in all of our investigations. Students who do not attend school are more likely to fail. In a recent analysis, we discovered that 56% of the students with D and F grades have missed 42 or more classes during the first semester. The logic behind this data is all too clear; students must come to school to be successful. Although this seems to be a simple and direct concept a great deal lies behind the data. Do students stop coming to school because they begin to fail or do they fail because they don't come to school. One obvious factor that school personnel must confront is that when students are engaged in school, they want to come. This thought places a significant emphasis on the role of the teacher to create lessons that inspire students to come to school to be involved in what is happening in the classroom and in the school at large.

We are rolling out a new attendance incentive program at the beginning of the second semester. We will be sending home our attendance policies with the report card, in case you have misplaced your copy. We also have developed a new convenient form to use when you are requesting or reporting an absence. We believe that streamlining our process for recording attendance and reporting absences will assist us in our efforts to improve student attendance. We are planning to award prizes through a Wheel of Fortune for students who have perfect attendance for each three week increment for the rest of the school year. The reward system would work in this way. If the student has perfect attendance for three weeks, he or she will receive a ticket notifying them that they are eligible for a prize drawing. They will put their tickets in container for the drawing, but first they must sign their names on the back of the ticket. We will draw three names from the tickets that are present. Those students will spin the Wheel of Fortune the next day and win a prize. The prizes will be gift certificates to iTunes, a lunch party for the winner and four friends, an I-touch or an iPod or Visa Gift Certificates or movie tickets. We plan to make the prizes appealing to everyone. At any rate your help and donations for our Wheel of Fortune would be most appreciated.

Teachers and students are busy preparing for mid-term exams. Much reviewing will be occurring over the next few days. The 7<sup>th</sup> period exam will be given on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>; it is a full school day with the exam from 2:15 to 3:45 PM. Then Friday, we will follow an exam bell schedule for the rest of the exam period (see reverse of this newsletter). Two exams will be given each day on Friday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (Monday will be a holiday for Martin Luther King's Birthday). Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> will be a regular school day.

Happy New Year! I hope it brings much good fortune to all of us.

Yours in education, Terri Axford

## Important Dates

1/4	Classes Re-convene
1/11	Cap & Gown/ Personality Pictures
1/14	Herff-Jones Payments
1/13- 1/19	Semester Exams
1/20	End of the Semester
1/21	No School - Professional Day

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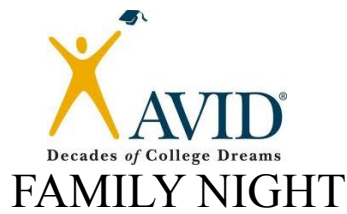
Cap & Gown/  
Personality Pictures



**When:** Monday January 11th - by appointment  
(see or call Mrs. Holmes in room 1-132).

**Where:** KWHS Auditorium

**Cost:** PrePaid - packages will be given out  
when appointment is made.



9th/10th Grades

KWHS Media Center January 24th - 6:00-7:30

Herff-Jones

Payment Date January 14th from 10:25-11:15

**Non-Profit Day**

Saturday January 8th 11-4  
Bay View Park



KWHS Cheer Clinic

Saturday January 8th 9-11

KWHS Gym

**SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE**

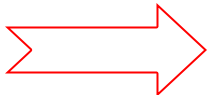
1/13/2010—Period 7 Exam

Period 1	8:50	9:35		
Period 2	9:40	10:25		
Period 3	10:30	11:10		
Period 4	11:15	12:05 Class	11:15	11:45 (1st lunch)
	11:50	12:40 Class	12:10	12:40 (2nd Lunch)
Period 5	12:45	1:25		
Period 6	1:30	2:10		
<b>Period 7</b>	<b>2:15</b>	<b>3:45</b>	<b>7th Period Exam</b>	

1/14/2010—Periods 1 & 2 Exams

1/18/2010—Periods 3 & 4 Exams

1/19/2010—Periods 5 & 6 Exams



<b>Exam</b>	8:50	10:20
Lunch	10:25	11:00
<b>Exam</b>	11:05	12:35

**Sports News**

- ⇒ Wrestling - 1/7-1/8 away at the Buzz. Hill Invitational—Barron Collier.
- ⇒ Lady Conch Soccer - 1/7 home vs. Dr. Krop 6:00. 1/11 away at Marathon.
- ⇒ Boys Soccer - 1/12 home vs. Marathon 6:00.
- ⇒ Lady Conch Basketball - 1/8 home vs. Central 2:00 & 4:00. 1/12 home vs. Marathon 4:00.
- ⇒ Boys Basketball - 1/7 away at Jackson.

