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From the principal:

Student Progress

We have just passed the halfway point in the first grading period. As I'm sure you heard from many teachers at our recent Open House, we share with you a commitment to monitor the academic progress of your student. It is critical that we work together as a team to promote and support your student's academic work. If a deficiency of some kind exists please follow up with a phone call to the teacher. Frequent monitoring of student progress can serve as an "early warning" sign before students get too far into the quarter. I want to encourage you to look for the positives as well. If a teacher has complimented your student's academic efforts, please take time to reinforce that as well. Your approval of a "job well done" is immeasurable to the development of your child's self-efficacy.

As we pass this first academic "checkpoint" remember that daily attendance is one of the most important factors in determining academic success. In addition, an academic support structure for your student at home will provide a supportive academic environment that is conducive to learning. If you were like me, I am sure you remember a time in your life when your homework was sprawled out on the kitchen table at home as you worked through homework assignments in preparation for the next day's lesson. Like me, you probably remember someone looking over your shoulder offering assistance and maybe from time to time a gentle reminder of the importance of the work at hand. The support we received then and the support we give to our students today is a critical piece in the success of our student's academic progress at school. We also provide a "kitchen table" experience here at school. Encourage your student to visit the Saxon Academic Center located in Room 5. Math, Reading, Writing, and Science tutors will be available for additional help and support.

Sincerely,

Tim Little
Principal

On-line Parent Access

High School District 211's On-line Parent Access program is designed to allow parents access to their child's attendance, schedule, report cards, mid-term grades, and demographic information for the current school year. The program also allows for communication between parent, counselor, and teachers regarding student progress. The program is intended for parent, not student, use.

For passwords and additional information, please contact your child's counselor.

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Student IDs

As students advance through Schaumburg High School, they may earn specific privileges through the Privilege Option Program. Examples of potential earned privileges include, but are not limited to unscheduled time, off-campus opportunities, parking passes, and permission to attend dances, social events, and athletic events. Failure to demonstrate appropriate behavior, follow school rules, or meet academic criteria may result in loss of privileges and/or assigned time in the Loss of Privilege Room (LOP). **Students must maintain a satisfactory discipline, academic, and attendance record in order to retain privileges.**

Remember with this freedom, comes responsibility! Examples of losing privileges include but are not limited to the following: not meeting your college readiness benchmark, major and minor misconduct, excessive truancy, excessive tardiness and criteria outlined by our privilege option program committee.

Freshman Students

Freshmen are eligible for the Privilege Option Program during their lunch periods only. The options for freshmen include: The Saxon Academic Center, the media center, and cafeteria. Freshman students are not allowed in the Showcase Hallway or the Entrance 2 Steps at any time during the school day.

What can parents do about failing grades?

At one time or another, many teens have trouble keeping up with schoolwork. Most teens get back on track. A few, however, continue to fall behind. Experts say it's important to deal with problems right away. Here are some ways to prevent school failure:

- Talk with your teen. Listen to his fears and concerns. Discuss possible causes of the trouble – along with possible solutions.
- Meet with teachers. Try to figure out the problem. Then talk about ways you can work together. Meeting with a guidance counselor may also help.
- Set boundaries. Make sure your teen knows what you expect of him, such as studying for at least an hour a day.
- Promote after-school activities. Students who feel connected to school may be more motivated to work.
- Encourage community service. Doing things for others can boost self-confidence and motivate teens.

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Saxon Academic Center

The state of Illinois has replaced the PARCC assessment series with the College Boards PSAT and SAT Exams. Did you know that SHS has a tutoring center that is dedicated to preparing students for the PSAT and SAT Exams? The Saxon Academic Center (SAC), located in Room 5 offers diagnostic testing and individual & group tutoring for the PSAT and SAT Exams every hour of the school day. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this service during their free periods. In addition to preparing for the College Boards PSAT/SAT Exams, SHS offers a variety of tutoring services for students. Specific content tutoring is offered through the Math Department located in the SAC, the English Department located in Room 202, and the Science Department located in Room 164 every hour of the school day. In addition, the Saxon Academic Center is open daily at 7:00 am and after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-3:45 pm. A late bus is available on these days, so why not take advantage of these great services?

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 19	Powder Puff Game 6:00 p.m., Stadium
September 20	Morning Work Session (Late Start) 8:50 a.m.
September 22	Coronation 9:20 a.m., Main Gym
September 23	Spirit Rally, 1:55 p.m. Homecoming Games Soccer 4:30 p.m. Football 7:30 p.m.
September 24	Homecoming Dance 7:30 p.m., Main Gym
October 1	V.I.P Craft Fair, 9:00 a.m.
October 4	Morning Work Session (Late Start) 8:50 a.m.
October 10	Teacher Institute No Classes
October 18	Morning Work Session (Late Start) 8:50 a.m. Fall Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
October 19	College Night, 6:30 p.m. Palatine High School Shortened Day 11:50 a.m. Dismissal
October 20	Fall Choir Concert 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
November 1	Morning Work Session (Late Start) 8:50 a.m.
November 9	Fall Sports Awards 6:00 p.m., Main Gym
November 15	Morning Work Session (Late Start) 8:50 a.m.
November 17, 18, 20	Fall Play 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
November 23, 24, 25	Thanksgiving Holiday No School



 If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the principal's office at (847) 755-4600.

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number: (847) 755-4654.

Congratulations to ...

• **Schaumburg High School Saxon Marching Band** for winning Outstanding High School Marching Band at the Septemberfest Parade.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism, especially internet plagiarism, has become a growing problem nationwide. Today's students have grown up using computers, but many are not aware of the ethics of how to use downloaded material and give proper credit for their sources. According to district policy, plagiarism can include "representing the work of others as one's own through verbal, written, graphic, electronic, or other means." Students are taught throughout their high school careers to properly credit researched material, including all internet sources.

Students who are under the impression that anything found on the internet can be freely used are mistaken. Parents may want to refer to the Academic Integrity brochure that is included with this mailing when discussing this topic with their students. As the consequences for plagiarism can significantly impact a student's grade, they need to clearly understand that copying/downloading any material without crediting the source is unacceptable.

Limited Cell Phone Use Policy

With the start of the 2016-2017 school year, students will be allowed to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices in the Cafeteria, Media Center, Entrance 1 Hallway, Exit 2 Stairwell and Foyer during the school day.

Cell phones and other electronic devices will not be allowed in any unauthorized areas or individual classrooms, except at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Students are expected to respect and follow the rules of the individual classroom teachers. If a student fails to respond appropriately to any staff member in relation to an electronic device, that student will be subject to disciplinary consequences. Electronic devices will not be allowed in any bathrooms, locker rooms, offices, or assemblies. Any disruption to the learning environment as a result of a cell phone or other electronic devices will be a violation and subject to disciplinary action.

In addition to announcements and website postings, signage will be posted throughout the school stipulating the policy and indicating authorized (and unauthorized) locations.

Very Interested Parents begin a new year

Our V.I.P. Club is off to a great start. The V.I.P.'s raise money they in turn give back to Schaumburg High School for various academic and athletic programs. Through their volunteer efforts, the V.I.P.'s have had a direct impact on the quality of student life with their ideas, programs and contributions. They raise thousands of dollars to offset the cost of our post-prom cruise on the Odyssey II cruise ship. We truly appreciate their commitment to and support of our goal of achieving academic excellence. Among the many events planned for this year is the Fall Craft Fair, Saturday, October 1 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). What better way to give back to the school than with your membership in Very Interested Parents.



211 College Night - October 19

More than 200 colleges and universities will be represented at this annual event. This year's College Night will be held at Palatine High School beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19.

Leaving the School Campus

Students leaving the campus once they have arrived at school is a concern for us. Because most parents need to know the whereabouts of their children, and the assurance that they remain on campus, we have a policy that students must not leave the school premises after being dropped off at school. In addition, once students are dropped off on school grounds, they become our responsibility. Please stress to your students that once they arrive at school, they must remain on campus. Students may only leave the campus with the approval of an administrator or parent.

The only exception to this policy applies to students who have off-campus lunch privileges. Seniors and juniors whose parents have signed off-campus permission forms may leave the school campus only during their scheduled lunch period. This privilege can be revoked by an administrator if students do not meet the criteria of the Privilege Option Program, or it may be revoked by parents at any time. Our goal is to keep our students, your children, and safe while in our care.