

Class of 2015 9th Grade Newsletter

December 2011/January 2012 Edition

With the 1st quarter behind us and the 2nd quarter under way, this edition of the 9th Grade Newsletter focuses on the change of season and the resources available at West to help you either improve your grades or keep them up. If there are other topics you would like me to include in a future newsletter, please let me know. Best wishes to you on a successful conclusion of the 1st semester. Happy holidays!

Mr. Gutchell
Class Assistant Principal

LUNCH TIME

With the weather getting colder upon the day and winter fast approaching, there have been fewer days of late in which students have been allowed to go outside after they have eaten during their lunch period. Due to this, during the second half of the lunch periods from December 12th up to the holiday break, we will show holiday themed movies, such as *Elf*, in the Auditorium. We hope you enjoy these movies and expect you to be on your best behavior while attending the films (e.g., cleaning up after yourself in the Cafeteria before heading to the Auditorium, refraining from talking while the film is in progress) so that we may continue offering this privilege in the future.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU DO YOUR BEST AT WEST

Before School: Quiet Study is available in Room 68; in addition, the Library and the Library Computer Lab are both open for students to conduct research and complete their work.

During the School Day: Tutors are available to help students in the Academic Resource Center (ARC) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-2:30pm.

After School: Homework Club is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 8. Teachers from High School West, along with upperclassmen students, are available on these days to assist students with their homework.

-In addition, teachers are available to work with students during their office hours and before/after school by appointment.

SHEN PRIDE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Mr. Gutchell is seeking student participation in the development of behavior guidelines for various school settings/events—such as the cafeteria—using the Shen PRIDE (Prepared, Respectful, Involved, Determined, & Engaged) model. Please let him know if you are interested in being “Involved” in this project—this is your chance to have a say!

HALLWAY EXPECTATIONS

Before cabin fever sets in later this school year, please review the following hallway behavioral expectations to help make our transitions throughout the day as safe and smooth as possible:

Prepared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan ahead to use time in halls wisely • At sound of late bell, students are to be out of halls unless they have a pass • Follow all instructions from faculty and staff
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use language that is appropriate and inoffensive • Refrain from public displays of affection • Respect other's space and right to move about the halls • Leave school signs and posters found throughout the school intact
Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be alert • Address and/or report matters of bullying or other harmful activities • Be helpful to others
Determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use time in halls effectively in order to report to class prepared and on time
Engaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on walking about the halls in a safe and orderly manner • Unless using locker, keep to the right when heading to next location

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, December 19 – HSW Orchestra, 7pm: HSE Auditorium**
- **Tuesday, December 20 – HSW Holiday Concert, 7 pm: HSW Auditorium (Choir & Band)**
- **Tuesday, December 20 – Hanukkah (begins at sundown)**
- **Thursday, December 22 – 2nd Quarter Interims Distributed**
- **Monday, December 26 – Monday, January 2 – Winter Recess – NO SCHOOL**
- **Thursday, January 12 – Special Ed Parents' Meeting, 5 pm – 9 pm: HSW Library**
 - (Snow date Thursday, January 19)
- **Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday, January 24 – Friday, January 27 – Regents Week**
- **Wednesday, January 25 – Earth Science Midterm, 8 am: High School West**
- **Friday, January 27 – 2nd Quarter Ends**
- **Monday, January 30 – 3rd Quarter Begins**

