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To: Middle School & High School Parents & Students

From: Tim Chesnut, Principal

Subj: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Midterm Grades, Eligibility, and College Readiness

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at the middle school/high school on Tuesday, September 21 and Thursday, September 23 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Our teachers will be in contact over the next few days by phone or email to schedule conferences with the parents of students receiving an F or D at the midterm. These conferences can be scheduled face-to-face at the building, by phone, or via google meet (video conferencing). The main goal is to communicate your student's grade to you, and then develop a collaborative plan to improve their grade in the class. We value your opinion and insight, and we'd greatly appreciate any suggestions you have to improve the studies of your student.

Parents of students getting an A, B, or C can feel free to contact the teacher via their email or by phone to schedule a parent-teacher conference. Our staff phone number is 712-433-1887, and all teachers at West Monona can be reached at their email by typing their *firstname.lastname@westmonona.org*.

Please note that the elementary dates and schedules for parent-teacher conferences are different from the dates for the middle school/high school. This is a change from previous years. Elementary conferences are scheduled for October 18th & 19th.

Midterm Grades & Eligibility

West Monona will reach the midterm of the first quarter on Friday, 9/17/21. Teachers will submit their midterm grades for students on Monday, 9/20/21 at 8:00 a.m. Any student receiving an (F) at the midterm will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular competitions/performances for (5) days. After (5) days a failing student will again be eligible for competitions provided they are passing all of their classes (per student handbook). However, ineligibility does not exclude the student from attending and participating in practices.

College Readiness: Seniors and Juniors

In recent days I've shared letters and information with parents regarding ACT testing and financial aid. If your son or daughter is a senior and thinking about postsecondary education at a 4 year or 2 year college you might need to apply for financial aid. The following link will put you in contact with people who can walk you through the process.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ykziVsx9C_EYNAB0Ewc04emgBE7Fj98qLtiyntBQ9mk/edit?usp=sharing

An ACT score is required for applications to 4 year colleges. Both juniors and seniors interested in this type of school should schedule and take the ACT if you have not already done so. The following link will put you in contact with people who can walk you through the process.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19mCarC-fAndwFid7l4-IMnEhquvBZnyfPQaLpZtyD10/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions regarding the above information please don't hesitate to contact me at tim.chesnut@westmonona.org or at 712-433-2453. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Tim Chesnut