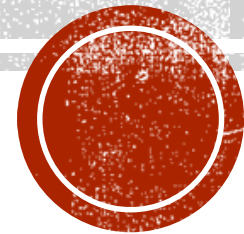


# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRESENTATION

What you need to know moving forward ---

**NO SUPRISES**



# FIRST AND FOREMOST

- Marking Period 1 is in the books- nice job adjusting back to school. As a whole, you have proven to be kind and good kids, but more so than other grades as a whole many of you are less responsible; i.e. forgetting HW, not trying hard, etc..
- Some of you have done a great job this year so far. The teachers and I are proud of most all of you. BUT, some of you have a long way to go.
- This presentation will not apply to MOST of you because you are doing your work, acting appropriately and just doing the right thing day in and day out. This presentation should make you feel like there is justice in Highland.
- Those students who are not doing the right thing; it is time to reflect and understand that you are growing up and the excuses do not work anymore. Nothing is guaranteed.



# THE END OF YEAR PRIVILEGES

- Field Day
- YMCA Field Trip
- Other Field Trips to be announced
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bar B Q
  - Yearbook Signing
- Promotion Ceremony
  - Musical
  - Intramurals
  - Clap Out
  - Electives
- Take home Chromebooks
  - Enrichment

What is a  
privilege?



## **EXAMPLE: STUDY HALL IS A PRIVILEGE THAT THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS EARN**

- Students may use the Media center instead of going to recess on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- Sign in neatly with 1<sup>st</sup> name, last name, and HR
- Students should not bring their Chromebooks because Chromebooks cannot be brought to lunch room). There are 12 available in the Media Center.
- You should be productively working/studying/ reading
- No eating or drinking
- Students must clean up after themselves, including any student supplies or maker materials (Lego, blocks, etc.).
- **NO TALKING** unless working on a group project. **IT IS A LIBRARY.**
- No hanging out just to hang out- that is what recess is for.
- If too many students arrive you will be sent back to recess and should report immediately to the recess location.
- **BEFORE YOU LEAVE:** sign out of google, close all browsers, push chairs in, collect belongings, line up at door and wait to be dismissed. **(DO NOT LEAVE UNTIL DISMISSED)**

**You can  
lose this  
privilege**



# A REFRESH OF BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS:

- **No Touching:** When you put your hands on someone you are leaving yourself vulnerable to getting in trouble.
  - This includes other peoples stuff.
- Be Aware of the consequences associated with your **foul language**
  - ***F-Bomb = Suspension***
  - ***Calling someone Gay, Retarded, Fat, or anything related to 'making fun of' will get you in trouble, i.e. parent conferences, suspension, HIB Investigation (Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying) and loss of privileges.***
  - ***This includes text messaging and social media outside of school when it becomes a substantial issue inside school.***
  - ***No need to say 'sucks', 'crap' etc in a classroom. We are in school.***
- **Disrespect:** It is disrespectful to. . . Ignore a teachers directions, roll your eyes at a teacher, look up pictures on your Chromebook when you are supposed to be working, and just not doing work.
- Phones in school- if we see it out we can take it- you have been forewarned. This includes at your lockers before and after school. Cell phone Free Zone- please practice self control.



# OUR ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS -

- Academic Honors:
  - Principal List – All A's
  - Honor Roll – All A's and 3 B's
- Do not be absent from school
- Do not be late to school
- Just try hard – if you try hard **you will not fail.**
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders should be more independent than rest of school.



# LET'S TIGHTEN SOME THINGS UP- EASY FIXES

- 1:1 Chromebooks are a **privilege**:
  - If you do not charge your Chromebook at home like you are supposed to it will be kept in school. You will lose the privilege of taking the Chromebook home.
  - Google Backgrounds should be school appropriate.
  - Why are you e-mailing each other instead of working?
  - Gaming can be an addiction- are you addicted. Stop gaming all the time.
- Please and thank-you's go a long way.
- Let's become more **independent**: (You should be independent learners)
  - Ex: Asking how to do things that they can do for yourself.
    - "How do you spell..." What is the definition of ....?"
    - Where do I put my name?
    - Asking what do I do after the teacher JUST GAVE DIRECTIONS.
    - Students with the privilege of enrichment should be working like enrichment students (ex. Spelling Test).
- Do not let Social Drama come into the classroom- **what happens at lunch, stays at lunch.**
- Can we please walk like mature adults in the hallways and STAIRWELLS after lunch (single file not yelling).
- Close your lockers and lock them please. Some of you have to get better at this. (2 lockers next year)
- Follow Directions- pay attention to detail.
- Can we please do HW and Study? You have student support time to go see another teacher. Teachers have extra help days- ask them
- Your paper is not submitted on Google Classroom UNTIL YOU HIT SUBMIT, so hit submit.
- Be prepared for class. It is not OK if you do not have a pencil, or highlighter or binder, HW, etc. Please figure it out. You should be nervous to show up unprepared.





# OTHER REMINDERS- *APPLIES TO SOME OF YOU, NOT ALL OF YOU*

## ■ Teachers & Students—

- Teachers are adults and you are children. Children historically must listen to adults because-
  - *WE KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU IN SCHOOL*
  - *WE HAVE BEEN YOUR AGE AND UNDERSTAND*
- When speaking to an adult, understand we are not your friends- we would love to be, but we are not.
- Stop wasting so much of your time in class (looking up pictures on google)
- Do not start off sentences with “but I thought...” (please stop making excuses).
- No making weird noises during class that do not make sense at all and make us nervous because they are so weird.





# SOME NEW THINGS THIS YEAR


## ■ **AI (Artificial Intelligence):**

- You are not to use AI (Ex. ChatGPT) for handing in papers or projects. AI is not your intellectual property, therefore it falls under plagiarism. If caught using AI to submit work as if it is your own, the following will take place;
  - A zero for the assignment
  - Parent contact
- Currently we have an AI taskforce to decide how to move forward productively with AI. (District-Wide)
- AI Chat rooms- can be scary stuff and not to be done on school computers.

## ■ **Absences:** *“Did I miss anything?”*

- When you are absent work will be here for you when you come back to school. “I did not realize...” “I did not know...” are not excuses to not do work. It is strongly recommended that you check Google Classroom, email teachers, to complete the work you can while you are out sick (if physically capable) so you are not overwhelmed when you come back to school. The work does not disappear.
  - For every 1 day you are absent, you get 1 extra school day to make up work. It can pile up.





**AS YOU GET OLDER, YOU GET  
MORE FREEDOM, BUT YOU  
INHERIT MORE  
RESPONSIBILITY-**

*You are going to be held accountable for not working hard, misbehaving, coming to school late, or not coming to school at all, etc.*

# SO WHAT IS FAIR REALLY?

- Is it fair that a student who works hard by studying, doing all HW, participating in class everyday and earns A's, B, even C's eats a cheeseburger at the end of year Bar-B-Q next to their friend who did nothing and failed two subjects?
  - Is it fair that a student who is nice to everyone, never gets in trouble and helps out the school gets the same privileges as someone who has been suspended 2-3 times?
- Is it fair that someone who is late 30 times in a half year gets to go on the same number of trips that a student who was only late 2 times?



# LOSS OF PRIVILEGES-

- For every subject you are failing for the year you will lose a privilege. (May 15)
  - Ex. if you are failing S.S. and Music you will lose two privileges. (Maybe BarBQ & YMCA trip)
- If you are failing a class, you are not allowed to go to clubs and/or Musical (March 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Excessive tardiness will result in loss of a privilege (12 in a semester (1/2 year))
- Excessive Unexcused Absences will result in the loss of a privilege (13 unexcused for the year)
- Repeated poor behavior that results in Suspensions and/or HIB investigations or excessive detentions will result in a loss of privilege(s).



AND ONE MORE THING....

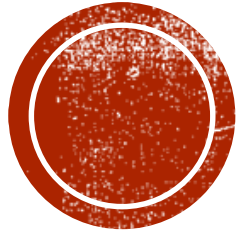


# SUMMER SCHOOL

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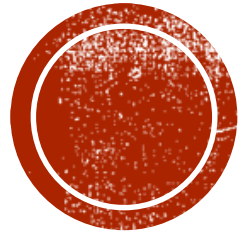






# DOES ANYONE DISAGREE WITH HOLDING STUDENTS ACCOUNTABLE?

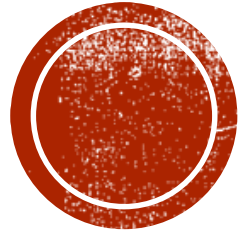
Speak now or forever hold your peace.



**ISN'T ACCOUNTABILITY  
ACTUALLY MORE FAIR?**

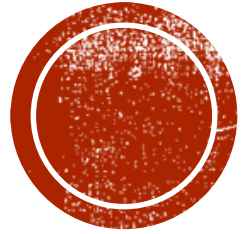






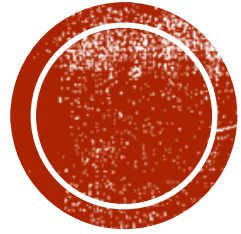
# WHAT IF WE DID NOT HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE?

It is better you learn accountability now – trust me.



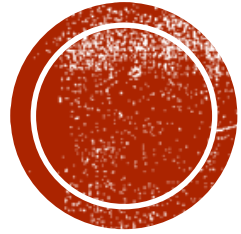
**PLEASE ANSWER THE  
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN  
YOUR HEAD?**

NO NEED TO SPEAK RIGHT NOW- THIS IS REFLECTIVE.



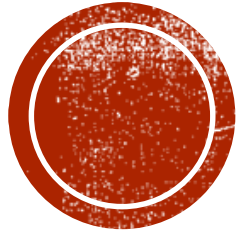
# DO YOU COME TO SCHOOL LATE A LOT?

Why? How can you fix this?



# **ARE YOU FAILING A SUBJECT(S)?**

**Do you go in for extra help? Do you do your HW? Do you honestly study? Do you pay attention in class? DO YOU FOLLOW DIRECTIONS?**



**ARE YOU BEHAVING? ARE YOU GETTING  
SENT TO THE OFFICE? ARE YOU INVOLVED  
IN SOCIAL DRAMA? ARE YOU GETTING  
KICKED OUT OF CLASS/RECESS/LUNCH?  
ARE YOU DOING THE RIGHT THINGS IN  
SCHOOL EVERYDAY?**

Many of you are, but are all of you?



**IT IS REALLY VERY SIMPLE: ALL WE ARE  
REALLY ASKING YOU TO DO IS...**

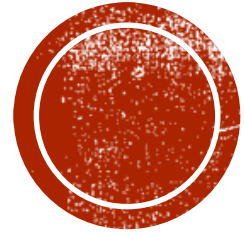
**Show up to school on  
time, be nice, and work  
hard.**



# PREGUNTAS ¿







**AND PLEASE REMEMBER – *IT IS HARDER FOR YOUR TEACHERS AND I TO HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE THAN TO JUST LET EVERYTHING SLIDE.***

You will understand one day – we are just trying to get you ready for a world that can be very tough if you do not have the skills to survive.