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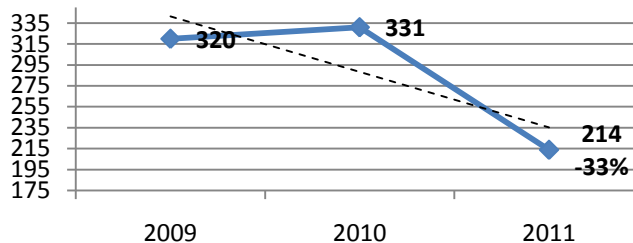
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The data on the right indicates we are making strides in our focus to develop a more positive school culture by focusing on respect, honor, and potential. As you can see, our discipline referrals and poor grades are down this school year significantly. As a result, we recently held an Activity Day as a reward for our student body's good effort during the first quarter. This idea was invented by our Student Government who planned a variety of activities for our students to participate in for nearly two hours on 12/14/11. These included a holiday movie, xbox, zumba, climbing wall, dodgeball, just dance, and board games. We are working towards continuing these great trends for the remainder of the year.

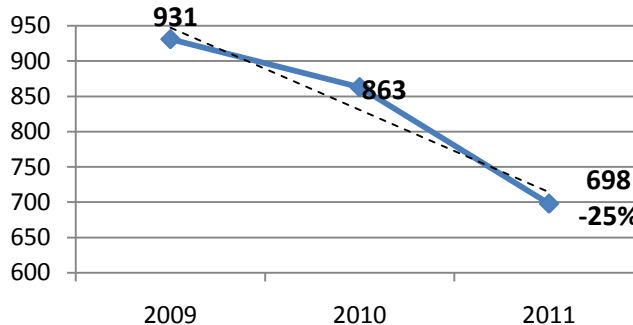
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Principal's News

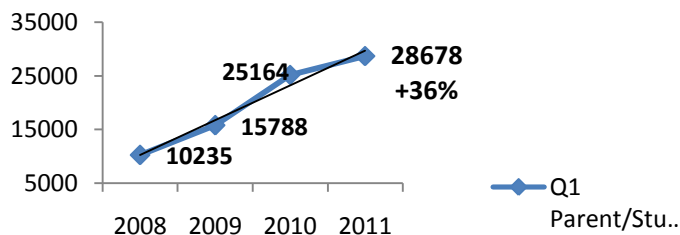
No. of referrals at 45 days



No. of Ds/Fs at 45 days



Q1 Parent/Stu Access HS





Dear Parents,

The holidays are here and the 2011-12 school year is almost halfway over... it's a good time to reflect and assess how everything is going at school. If it has been a successful school year and no behavior or academic issues or concerns exist, please reinforce that fact with your child. It has been my experience that adolescents truly desire the approval of the adults in their life, whether it is parents, teachers, coaches, or family members. Reinforcing appropriate behavior is the best way I know to having it repeated.

If your child has been having some academic difficulties it is still early enough in the school year to recover. I encourage you to contact teachers or administrators if you feel they would be helpful in solving the problem. Most of the academic problems that do exist stem from students failing to complete assigned work. Please keep abreast of deadlines and assignments by referencing PowerSchool.

If there are other issues that are preventing your child from succeeding, please contact the Guidance Office or school administration. You are welcomed to schedule an appointment with any of us to discuss your child's performance at school. Many times parents are unaware of the programs we have available to provide academic remediation, mental health services, or to combat attendance issues. If you see a problem, please let us know. Remember we both want your child to succeed and to have a happy, productive, and positive high school experience.

Joe Schlimm

Assistant Principal

We will be fundraising through a miracle minute collection to raise money for toys for underprivileged children on Wednesday, December 21, 2011. All AP periods are asked to donate their spare change that day. The leading AP section for each class will receive lunch passes for one week in January to skip to the front of the lunch line.

UPDATE: our Thanksgiving fundraiser to donate a Thanksgiving Day dinner to a needy family was a great success as over 40 total meals and over 900 lbs of food was donated to the local food bank.

REMINDER....

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE FACILITATORS ARE HERE TO TUTOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY, OR BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL IN ANY SUBJECT .

This month....

- With to the success of the door decorating contest at Halloween time this year, we will be running another for Xmas to be judged the week prior to Christmas vacation with pizza parties for the best doors.
- Holiday concert in the afternoon on 12/23/11
- Miracle Minute Collection for underprivileged children's toys on 12/21/11
- Activity Day on 12/14/11
- All winter sports teams are now in action. Schedules can be found on the school website. GO DUTCH!

NOTE: We began taking scheduling requests this month. Please know that all students and parents are encouraged to meet with our guidance counselors regarding any questions or concerns related to scheduling. A meeting may be scheduled by calling the guidance secretary, Mrs. Jacob at 781-2106.



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