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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Decatur Families,

We are currently working to ensure that every student scholar will be empowered and prepared to develop personal responsibility in order to be positive, productive members of society. An additional focus will be, every student scholar will successfully navigate the critical transactions in their schooling, and will graduate from high school ready for college, career, and post-secondary experiences.

“Attendance has been proven to be one of the most powerful predictors of academic achievement and can have a dramatic impact on key milestones, including third grade reading, 9th grade achievement, high school graduation, and postsecondary persistence. Chronic absenteeism is missing ten percent of school, regardless of the reason. A focus on chronic absenteeism examines the link between loss of class time and academic achievement. An awareness of chronic absenteeism and its potential impact will empower scholars, families, and communities to make informed decisions regarding missing school.” (Puget Sound Educational Service District, 2016)

As we embark on this semester, I encourage you to continue to stay involved in monitoring and encouraging your student’s learning. We expect the student to be the expert on their current level of performance, through tracking their own grade, reflecting on their own work, and through goal setting.

Be sure to check grades online (ParentVue) to see your student’s current attendance and level of performance and see what standards your student has and still needs to meet. If you have questions or concerns about your student’s grade, please talk to your student, and then contact your student’s teacher.

Thank you for all your support of our students and our school. I love being the principal here and working with our students, who, in my opinion, are the best! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at chspence@fwps.org or by phone at 253-945-5212.

Sincerely,

Christina Spencer
Proud Principal, Decatur High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 16th – Band Service Area Concert at 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Gym
- 25th – Big Band Showcase at 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm in the PA, (doors open @ 6:30 pm)

MARCH

- 2nd – Band Spring Concert at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the PA
- 16th – Cabaret (show only) at 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm. $10.00 tickets at the door.
- 17th – Cabaret (with dinner) doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner and silent auction at 6:00 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Limited tickets at the door - $20.00.

MAY

- 4th – 6th – Spring Musical “The Wedding Singer” at 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- 11th – 13th – Spring Musical “The Wedding Singer” at 7:00 – 10:00 pm
- 25th – Band Finale Concert at 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm in the PA

JUNE

- 1st – Spring Concert Choir & Orchestra at 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
- 10th – Senior Prom at 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm at the Tacoma Art Museum
- 17th – Graduation at 7:00 pm at the Tacoma Dome
SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **February** –
  1st: Early Release
  15th: Early Release
  20th: No School / President’s Day / Mid-Winter Break
  21st: No School / Mid-Winter Break

- **March** –
  1st: Early Release
  8th – 9th: No School / Student-Led Conferences
  10th: No School / Teacher In-Service Day
  22nd: Early Release

- **April** –
  3rd – 7th: No School / Spring Break
  12th: Early Release
  26th: Early Release

- **May** –
  17th: Early Release
  29th: No School / Memorial Day
  30th: Snow makeup day. We will have classes

- **June** –
  7th: Early Release
  22nd: Last Day of School, Early Dismissal

UPCOMING STUDENT LED CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
Conferences 7:00 am – 12:00 pm
Teacher Lunch and Planning 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Conferences 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**
Conferences 7:00 am – 11:00 am

We are looking forward to sharing your student’s successes and goals.

GOALS

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