

September 12, 2008

Staff:

This year, as in the past, we celebrate another National Blue Ribbon School: The School of Business and Management. This celebration would not have occurred without the hard work, dedication and determination of the entire staff. The administrative team realizes the challenges you face each day and we applaud your efforts.

Budget

On another note, all of you have heard about the financial struggles that we are facing in Dallas ISD. Each school has been asked to cut ten percent of its budget. This unfortunate situation will create a freeze in all areas, including staff and supplies. The administrative team is looking for ways to lower our budget while maintaining student success in the classroom. We need your help and understanding. Until further notice, please assist us with eliminating unnecessary copying, spending, overtime and the ordering of supplies. Be assured that we will continue to support your efforts for a quality education as we travel through this unfortunate journey.

Grading Policy:

Thank you for your responses to the Grading Policy. Let me assure you that your concerns were heard. One of the positive things that came out of this meeting was the number of grades per six weeks. Schools that are on block scheduling will be allowed a minimum of 2 grades per week. It was stated that a committee will review our concerns and a revision *might* be made at mid-point. Please, continue to do what you were doing to make sure all students receive a quality education. Additionally, it was stated that retesting is not only for students who are failing. It can also be utilized for students who desire to improve a grade.

Thank you again for your immediate responses to the Grading Policy.

Custodial Services

Due to budget cuts, if a custodian is out, the custodial staff is required to only empty trash and make sure all restrooms are in proper use with necessary supplies. Teachers, you can assist us in this matter by making sure students are not eating in your classroom. We must all continue to work together during this difficult time.

TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More.

Window Covering

Please remove all paper/posters covering the windows on all classroom doors. This is a safety issue.

Fire Drills

Teachers will be given class rosters. These rosters will need to be taken outside with you whenever there is an emergency evacuation so you can make sure that all students are counted and identified.

On behalf of the entire administrative team, we thank you for all you do. Your efforts, creativity, skills, dedication and motivation continue to inspire us. Please know how much you are appreciated. We praise you for your hard work and diligence.

Dates to remember

September 22-25

- Seniors: 22, 23
- Underclassmen: 24, 25

October 2 - Townview wide faculty meeting in the Theater at 8:30AM

October 4 - Battle of the Bands

October 6 - 9 - Benchmark testing

October 10 - Secondary Fair Day

October 13 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 17 - Early Release

October 15 - PSAT testing

October 21 - 24 - Exit TAKS Re-tests