



9th Grade Newsletter

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Second Quarter is upon us and by now, you all have received your grades for First Quarter. Congratulations to those who have received 3.0 GPA's and better. Congratulations to those who have worked as hard as they can. Please be aware that if you need additional help in your classes, there are after school tutorials in every subject area. Please feel free to contact Dr. Bennett or Mr. Bargeman if you are in need of individual teacher conference regarding your grades. Keep that Tiger Pride!

There have been a few changes in the Graduation Requirements for students who enter high school in the year of 2007-2008 and above. Students enrolled in ninth grade in the year of 2007-2008, are required to have 24 Carnegie Units in order to receive a high school diploma. Below is listed both the old and new graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements			
Old Requirements		New Requirements	
English	4.0	English	4.0
Mathematics	3.0	Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0	Science (include 3 labs)	4.0
Social Studies	3.5	Social Studies	4.0
Foreign Language	2.0	World Language	2.0
Art	0.5	Art	0.5
Music	0.5	Music	0.5
Career/Vocational Ed.	1.0	CTE and/or College level courses	2.0
Physical Education/Health	1.5	Physical Education/Health	1.5
Electives	4.5	Electives	1.5
Total:	23.5	Total:	24

Two to three weeks ago, 9th grade students were required to fill out a four year academic plan (The Individual Graduation Plan). The Freshman Academy counselor, Dr. Emyrtle Bennett went through the new graduation requirements and provided them with a sample plan for their four year career throughout high school. Students filled in the required courses such as English, Math, Science and Social Studies for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade, and from there they chose other electives.

The Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) helps students to earn a high school diploma, ensures that the student is given every opportunity to succeed and prepares students for college and/or job placement. The IGP displays a blueprint for each year and can be changed or adjusted depending on the students career pathway, academic process and needs. The benefits of the IGP is to help students plan out their four year academic plan and increase the knowledge of different educational and career options.

I encourage you to speak with your 9th grader and find out what he or she is most interested in. In a few weeks your 9th grader will bring home the Registration Form that

they filled out at school. I encourage you to review the Registration Worksheet your child filled out three weeks ago. If you have any questions you can schedule an appointment with Dr. Bennett or come to a Parent Workshop regarding the Individual Graduation Plan on November 20th, 2007. If you would like to see the courses offered here at Wilson you may click on this link: <http://www.wilsonhs.org/pdf/Course%20Descriptions%202007-08.pdf>. If you have any questions or need to make an appointment with your 9th grader's counselor, you can contact me or Mr. Bargeman at the following email addresses: Emyrtle.Bennett@k12.dc.us and Gregory.Bargeman@k12.dc.us

Thank you,

Dr. Emyrtle Bennett

Mr. Gregory Bargeman

Upcoming Events:

Dates	Events
November 9 th , 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Cards are distributed
November 12 th , 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Day (No School)
November 17 th , 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th Grade Field Trip to Museums on the Mall (Washington, DC)
November 20 th , 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th Grade Parent Workshop
November 22 nd 2007 – November 23 rd 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Break
November 30 th , 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Period Midpoint • Progress Reports/Deficiency Notices Issued
December 7 th , 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Conference Day (students not in school)
December 24 th , 2007 – January 4 th , 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Vacation