

Hello Bulldogs,

The end of 1st Nine Weeks is upon us. Teachers must submit grades for report cards by the end of the day on Thursday, October 5. Final report card grades for Quarter 1 should be viewable in HAC by Friday, October 13. However, all students and parents should be able to view current grade status in all classes through HAC now. If students or parents have any questions about grades please be sure to contact the classroom teacher. As a reminder, we have tutoring buses available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure that all students have access to tutoring times with teachers.

Recently, MISD shared that all students will be able to receive free breakfast at school. Our cafeteria begins serving breakfast every morning at 7am. As a working mom I remember the rush to get everyone ready, fed and out of the house in order to be on time to work and school. This option of free breakfast every morning can take one thing off your plate as a parent. We hope this option helps to start our student's day off properly fueled and ready to go and helps the family at home as well.

It's Homecoming time! As I am typing this message we have many of our students from Student Council in the building on a Saturday morning decorating our campus and getting ready for the festivities. The theme this year is "HOCO in Hollywood" and the first event will be Powder Puff on Monday night at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$5 at the gate. Powder Puff will be held at the MNHS football stadium. There will also be other fun games for students to participate in during the Powder Puff game and there will be a concession stand available with lots of good food. Students may also participate in dress up days each day this week:

- Monday - Men in Black (Outer Space or Suits & Ties)
- Tuesday - Back to the Future (Decades)
- Wednesday - Hercules (Greeks or the Greek Life)
- Thursday - Orange OUT & Mums & Garters & Pep Rally - Oh my!

As a reminder, all costumes for dress up days must be in line with the MISD dress code. Students may not wear any face coverings with any costumes. Our Homecoming game and crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen will take place on Thursday night at the MISD stadium. I hope that all of you can come out to cheer on our MNHS Bulldogs as they take on their 3rd District opponent North Mesquite. Along with the crowning of the King and Queen at halftime, our North Stars will be performing and then after the game our MNHS Bulldog Band will entertain everyone with their UIL Marching Band performance. It will be a great evening for all.

After a full week of HOCO activities I know our students will be looking forward to the MISD Fall Break. **There will be no school for students on the following days:**

- Friday, October 6 - Student Holiday/Staff Professional Development Day
- Monday, October 9 - Student/Staff Holiday
- Tuesday, October 10 - Student/Staff Holiday

We hope this break allows our students and staff to enjoy some time with their families and friends and maybe a little bit of cooler weather as well.

Students in Advanced classes have one more opportunity to drop an Advanced class if that class has a **corresponding** step down to an academic course. For example, students in Advanced Biology may drop to Academic Biology. This is only for students in MISD Advanced courses, not College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses. **The deadline for students to turn in Quarter 1 exit forms to their house office is Thursday, October 5th.** It is important for students and parents to remember that counselors will not begin making these changes until after we return to school on Wednesday, October 11. Students must continue to follow their schedule until they have received a new schedule from their counselor. If you have any questions about how your child is doing in their advanced class please contact their classroom teacher.

Finally, I want to remind all parents and students about PSAT and TSIA testing that will occur on Wednesday, October 18. MISD pays for all sophomores to take the PSAT. Any junior or freshman that signed up will also be taking the PSAT. Juniors that are not taking the PSAT will be taking the TSIA and any seniors that have not earned their CCMR point will also be taking TSIA. Students that are not involved in testing on Wednesday, October 18 will complete class assignments asynchronously at school.

I hope you all have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing all of our Bulldogs on Monday.

Let's go Dawgs!

Jae Gaskill
Principal

