

Hello Parents and Bulldogs,

We start our Holiday Break on a very rainy day, but I am sure the sun will come out soon and provide lots of time for all families to enjoy time together. Some of you may be traveling over the break, I wish you all safe travels. If you are not traveling I hope the holidays provide you with a chance to slow down and relax. The holidays can also be difficult for some families. If you or a family member needs assistance over the holidays please click the link to [Beating the Holiday Blues 12.23](#) .

I know many of our students will continue to be involved in extracurricular activities over the break. Boys and girls basketball is in full swing, soccer has started, and our MNHS Cheer Team will compete in the STATE UIL competition January 2nd - 4th. We wish all of these teams good luck over the break. As a reminder, none of our school offices will be open during the break. Our offices will re-open on January 9th when students return to campus.

Our students finished finals today and teachers have been finalizing all grades in the gradebook under published classwork. Both students and parents can view their current grades for the 2nd Nine Weeks. However, final averages for the semester will not be posted to the report card until after we return from break. If your child missed their exam they will have until Friday, January 12th to make up missed exams. Please do not be alarmed if you notice a zero being used as a placeholder for missed exams. The grade will be changed once the exam is made up.

I also encourage all students to log into HAC to double check schedules before returning to campus. It is not out of the ordinary for some classes to see changes, especially for students that have a semester class that ended in the Fall and will begin a new semester class in the Spring. Additionally, as many of you know, our campus has experienced some growth this semester. Some classes may require leveling from class period to class period.

Course selections for the 2024-2025 school year will begin soon after we return from break. Students and parents will have access to the 2024-2025 Academic Planning Guide after we return from break. It is important for our current juniors to be aware that they must have earned their CCMR

■ [College, Career, or Military readiness.png](#) point in order to request an off period for their senior year on their course request card. CCMR compliance has been updated in HAC under the demographics tab.

Also new for the Spring Semester, our current Seniors will have the opportunity to earn exemptions for their Spring Finals if they are in compliance with the following:

- Passing all Spring Semester classes with 70 or above
- On track to graduate in May of 2024
- No more than 5 absences in the Spring Semester (Not including - Medical Appointments with proper documentation provided within 3 school days, College visits with proper documentation provided within 3 school days, and any approved school activity.)
- All fines and fees paid by May 3rd, 2024
- Earned CCMR point by May 3rd, 2024

I wish you all the best over the holiday break. We look forward to seeing all of our Bulldogs back with us on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024!

Sincerely,
Jae Gaskill