Moving Into Second Semester: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What can I do to support my student academically before the semester ends?

- Communicate with the teacher-they can share academic behaviors that might be preventing your student from reaching their full potential
- When can students get support? (Before or after school? Only during lunch/study hall? Outside tutoring?)
- Final exams COUNT this year for the first time in years. Work to get in a safe zone with grades now so that one test does not make or break their grade
- If failing a graduation requirement, we need to meet with teachers asap to create a success plan (don't wait)!

Q: When will my student receive their Second Semester schedule?

- Schedules will "go live" on Infinite Campus at the end of winter break
- Counselors cannot give copies or pictures of schedules before then

Q: How can I help my student get involved?

- Check out our activities page linked here!
- Research shows getting involved in at least 2 clubs/sports/events increases connection to the school, attendance, grades, and indicates success in college

Q: Does my student need community service hours?

- We have a list on our Canvas page of a few options
- Service is not required for graduation, but it is necessary for NHS
- Many scholarship opportunities appreciate service
- Giving of yourself often creates memories/stories that can be used in future essays.
- Find something they like/enjoy/makes them happy (loves stars/space? Contact the Planetarium downtown, etc. Doesn't always have to be a food bank!)

Q: What resources are available to support my student in the registration process for junior year?

- Summer school options are not available until February (we register before that)
- Explore the online APG to browse descriptions for electives by department
- Work on the last 2 years of your 4-year plan (also hard copies in office) Schedule a meeting with your counselor before December to help connect interests, skills, and values to their elective choices!