



Please Take Home For Your Parents



Date: January 23, 2009

To: Parents/Guardians of SHS students and SHS students

From: SHS Teachers and Administration

Re: A New Program to Support Academic Achievement (Wednesday Extra Help Period)

Beginning January 28th, the final 15 minutes of each Wednesday's class period will be set aside for small group instruction from the respective teacher or a peer tutor. Designating this extra help time during the regular school day is part of the High Schools That Work initiative, which focuses on high standards of academic rigor and finding ways to help students reach those standards.

Teachers will decide, on a weekly basis, which students should participate in the extra help time. In addition, students can refer themselves or parents may contact their child's respective teachers to request extra help in a specific subject area. Those students who are caught up with their work and understand the concepts will use the time either to read or to study.

In order to preserve the academic climate, there will be no hall passes issued during this time for any reason. Classroom and building expectations are for each student to actively use the extra help being provided or to read/study quietly. During this time, respect for other students in the classroom will be highly regarded. Noncompliance with these expectations will lead to office referrals for disciplinary action.

Our continued focus on school improvement through High Schools That Work requires administration, staff, family and student collaboration at every level. Everyone's support is critical.

Staff and peer tutors will continue to offer Study Tables after school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. A morning Study Table is also being added on Wednesdays from 6:45 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

Our hope is for students to take advantage of these many opportunities to improve their overall achievement. We are proud of our recent accomplishments, and we are committed to continued student achievement and success.

Thank you for your continued support,

SHS Administrators and Faculty