

Weekly Word
Monday, September 10, 2007

September is almost half way over and we are preparing for Open House (parent night) this week.

Welcome to parents' night, Tuesday, September 11. We are asking that teachers be at their doors and ready when parents arrive. In your box on Tuesday morning will be copies of a flier that I have created for our parents. Please distribute it as parents enter your classroom (or at least offer it to them). I have completed all schedule changes at this time, and now I am having to input the transfer students that were not on Chancery when they came. Of course, there may be a few schedule changes throughout the week, but your classes should not change much unless you specifically ask Dean Johnson or me to look it over.

Your input has been heard. Last week Mr. Ohl went to curriculum team meetings to discuss the opportunity of going 6 over 7. The overwhelming response was that teachers want to the schedule to stay as it is. Class sizes that are heavy are that way because we have more 8th graders this year than we had last year. We will continue to teach 5 out of the 7 periods.

Have a great week! I look forward to visiting with all of you at Open House.

Daily Schedule:

Monday, 9/10	Tuesday, 9/11	Wednesday, 9/12	Thursday, 9/13	Friday, 9/14
Regular bell schedule	Regular bell schedule 5 PM Volleyball 6 PM Open House	Regular bell schedule	Regular bell schedule 4 PM football game at WBMS 4 PM co-teaching committee meeting in D100	Regular bell schedule

Articles:

The article this week actually is an excerpt from Tony Wagner's book *Making the Grade*. It is one of my favorite books on education. This excerpt comes from the chapter on "What do good schools look like?" This excerpt focuses on 7 practices that good schools have. One of these practices deals with parent communication and student advocacy. I hope that you will look at it before our Open House on Tuesday.

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.
Aristotle