

**Success in 10th
Grade!
Back to School Night
Howard High School**

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Keeping the End in Mind!



10th grade is an **IMPORTANT** year!

- This is the year for your student to continue exploring and fostering interests and goals.
- This is the year for your student to step up to the plate and challenge themselves academically.
- This is the year to become connected if your student is not already.

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CONNECTEDNESS

- Connecting students to school is critical, especially during the adolescent years.
- According to research, School Connectedness is an important factor in “reducing the likelihood that adolescents will engage in health-compromising behaviors & it increases the likelihood of academic success” (Blum, 2005)

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How can your student become involved?

- Join a school club
- If there isn't a school club of interest start a new one!
- Try-out for a sport, dance team, cheerleading
- Become involved musically (choir, band)
- Join JROTC
- Volunteer

Student Involvement

A list of Howard High clubs and activities is available on page 4 of your Back-to-School Night packet.

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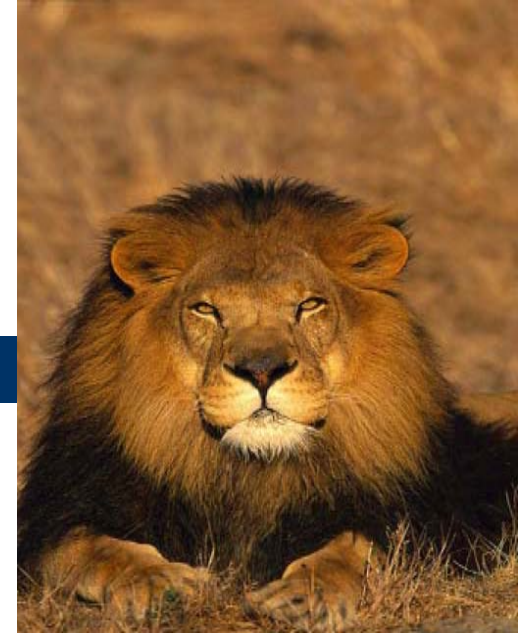
- **The PSAT**
 - (October 14, 2009)
- **The Sophomore Student Lesson**
 - (Spring 2009)
- **The High School Assessments**
 - (May 2009)

After-School Help for High School Assessments (HSA's)

- **Lets ensure our student's are successful with the HSA's**
- **Encourage your student to participate in Extended Day!**



Extended Day



- Administrator: Ms. Kedre` Fairley
- Staff Leader: Ms. Sharon Sowada

- Start Date: October 6, 2009
- End Date: May 13, 2010
- Review Date: May 14, 2010
- Hours: 2:20 –4:00 (Transportation will be provided)
- Tuesday: Algebra and English
- Thursday: American Government and Biology

Best Practices for School Communication

- Communicate with your student.
- Communicate with your student's teacher
 - (i.e., email, phone call, meeting)
- Form plan together on how to address concern(s).
- Involve your student's School Counselor.
- Converse with the Instructional Team Leader.
- Contact your student's Administrator.

Best Practices for School Communication

Who are the Instructional Team Leaders (ITL's)?

- Debbie Bates, Special Education
- Patrick Crouse, Math
- David Glenn, Student Services
- Scott Grant, Science
- Jon Hollander, History
- Richard Oursler, Fine Arts, PE, Dance
- Tom Knox, English
- Julia Martinez, World Language
- Mary Metzler, Career and Technology

Best Practices for School Communication

- **9th grade School Counselor**
 - Shannon Grieve
- **10th - 12th Grade School Counselors**
 - David Glenn, ITL, A-B
 - Matt Mindel, C-G
 - Sonya Sutter, H-Mb
 - Jan Bornstein, Mc-R
 - Nicola Hildreth, S-Z

Best Practices for School Communication

The Administration Team

- ***Principal***
 - Gina Massella

- ***Assistant Principals***
 - Mark Covington, 9th Grade
 - Lisa Veslany, 10-12, A-G
 - Kedre Fairley, 10-12, H-O
 - Steve Levy, 10-12, P-Z



**Let's visit Howard High School
policies!**

Legal Absences

- Death in the immediate family
- Illness
- Court summons
- Work if approved by Principal
- Observance of religious holidays

Attendance

- Unlawfully missing 5% (9 absences) of a course will result in a possible denial of credit for that course.
- Being more than 20 minutes late to a class will result in an absence for that class.
- Being more than 90 minutes late to school will result in 1/2 day absence.

“Double O” Policy

(off and out of sight)



- Between 7:20 –2:10 no electronic devices
- Consequences will be assigned as follows:
 - **1st Detention** : Device returned at the end of day
 - **2nd Friday/Saturday school**: Parent retrieve device
 - **3rd In school suspension**: Parent retrieve device
 - **4th In school suspension**: Device retrieved at the end of the academic quarter
 - **5th Consequence assigned by administrator**: Device retrieved at the end of the academic quarter

Dress Code

Dress Code Policy- #9210

- Know what your student is wearing to school
- We will call home to have you bring a change of clothes for your son/ daughter
- Appropriate dress has already been reviewed at our grade level assemblies
- Page 17-18 of student agenda book

Student Behaviors at School Sponsored Events

- **Dances:** Howard High School does have a dance policy - if a student continues to disregard policy the student will be asked to leave the dance.
- **Athletic events:** HCPSS does not allow students to stand in the bleachers during athletic events-noise makers are prohibited.
- **Unsportsmanlike Conduct** - Name calling during games.
- **Reminder:** No outside food or drink purchases are permitted in the stadium or gym.

Safe School Environment

- **Bullying-** *Safe Schools Reporting Act of 2005*
- **Cyber-bullying-** Using the internet, cell phones and other technological devices
- **Discussions of illegal substances or contraband** could lead to conversations and searches by administrators.

Officer Mike Williams School Resource Officer



Mr. Kevin McDuffie Security



Student Services Resources

Peer Mediation

- A program designed to mediate problems between students
- To help resolve on-going disputes before escalation

Students Assistance Program (SAP)

- Parents can receive free drug screening through the Health Department
- See your counselor

Alcohol Use Among Adolescents

- Each year, underage drinking causes approximately 5,000 deaths, 2.5 million other Harmful events and \$60 Billion in societal costs.
- Underage drinkers increases the risk of alcoholism.
- Frequent binge drinkers (nearly 1 million high school students nationwide) are more likely to engage in risky behaviors.

Alcohol at School

- When a student has possession of alcohol or consumed before entering school property they are subject to school and police action
- Could be removed from sports team or clubs.
- If you suspect that students are drinking feel free to call student services at 410-313-2871.
- SRO (School Recourse Officer): Corp. Mike Williams: feel free to contact with questions and concerns.

Underage Drinking Laws

- Penalties for underage drinking can include community service and up to a \$500 fine on the first offense.
- It can go on permanent record and can make it difficult to obtain college acceptance or employment.
- Drinking in the home? Parents can also be fined up to \$500 per child.



Internet Precautions

- Know what your child is doing on the internet
- Facebook, My Space, and YouTube are popular sharing networks (check regularly)
- Once a picture or video is posted online, it is out there forever
- Look for signs of cyber bullying and/or illegal activities
- Employers and colleges are searching internet as part of decision making process

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11th Grade Highlights to Keep in Mind

- Strong academic schedule
- PSAT-October 2010
- Continue to stay connected
- Exploration of next path after high school
- SAT and/or ACT-Winter/Spring '09-'10
- National Honor Society



**Lets Work Together for Your
Student's Success in
10th Grade!**

Reminder

- The BTSN Power Point will be posted on the Howard High Web site:
 - <http://www.howardhighschool.net/>



Questions?

- Work Cited

Blum, R. (2005). A Case for School Connectedness. *The AdolescentLearner*, 62(7), 16-20.