

9th GRADE ACADEMY

NOVEMBER REPORT

First, the 9th Grade Academy wishes Mrs. DiBlasi and her family support, thoughts and prayers during this challenging time in their lives.

The 9th Grade Academy held their first meeting on October 22nd. The following topics were addressed:

1. **BLACK FRIDAY:** Members were reminded to wear black on payday Fridays. It is important to show unity as an Association as we move into negotiations.
2. **COLLINS WRITING REVIEW:** Members were notified that they have a right to ask the instructional coaches to leave the review. The coaches are REA members and may not be present in evaluative meetings. Members may still choose to have the coaches present, but their right is to ask them to leave.
3. **WORKING CONDITIONS:** A discussion was held regarding the working conditions on the 4th floor. To combat the lack of discipline, it was suggested that the 9th grade faculty focus on the use of cellphones in the classroom. There are policies in place that support students not having cellphones during instructional time. Teachers should send students with security to the VP and provide the policies for administration to enforce. Jeremy Lowther stated that he would distribute those policies to be attached to the discipline referrals.

Team leader meetings are occurring on Wednesdays. Please see your Team Leader with any information or questions to pass along at the meeting.

We were able to resolve the HVAC issues on the 4th floor. If you do have problems, see Ryan or me for additional assistance.

Please see Ryan with any co-teaching issues. He is investigating concerns and looking for resolutions to make the co-teaching model work. Remember, if you and your co-teacher are having a challenging relationship in the classroom, please make sure to see an REA representative to secure mediation or provide a second set of ears at a meeting. Do not go to administration!!

Have a great 2nd Quarter and a Happy Thanksgiving!

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