



December 1, 2011

Dear Parents and Friends,

With the end of the first semester in clear view, we gathered in our monthly residential assembly to review our core values, continue our civility project, celebrate our accomplishments, and focus on completing our semester goals. I encourage you to review our plans for the coming weeks in this edition of *The Boarding Report*.

Narrowing Our Scope

Our focus for the coming weeks is to limit distractions and finish the semester as strong as possible. With this philosophy comes an approach that has us relying on our structure of quiet times, quiet study environments, and healthy living. We will have extended library times Friday through Sunday, we will encourage students to stay physically active during the weekends, and we will turn our lights out earlier on the weekends to ensure we are rested for the final push.

Exam Conditions

Beginning this week, we are asking and enforcing additional times for quiet, study environments. Our students are encouraged to seek extra work with faculty during lunch and X-Block and to plan study sessions before study hall begins. There will be little cross-dorm visitation and music volumes and gaming will be limited to individual rooms. Our intent is to allow each student the same opportunity for success related to exam preparation.

Residential Notes

We will send you an e-mail soon with a brief evaluation on your child from the dormitory. This will be the second Residential Note of the semester for your child. Our residential faculty, who also are our teachers, coaches, and parents, will send home a checklist and a brief narrative regarding your child from a residential perspective. We hope this helps to provide you with a more complete understanding of your child's experience at HPA. You will receive Residential Notes again in March.

Citizenship Report

Faculty members receive a citizenship report via e-mail every day. On Mondays at assembly, and Wednesdays in class meetings, your child meets with his/her class leader if he/she has more than six demerits. Students have until Friday at flagpole to have any discrepancies corrected. On Friday, just after flagpole, students are confirmed for weekend restriction and Sunday study hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library. Students have been given a deadline of December 10 to clear all their demerits for the grading period. To view your child's citizenship status please log in to the Parent/Student Information Center at www.hpa.edu/parents-and-students.

Exam Times

Students will take History and Math exams on Monday, December 12, English and Modern Language on Tuesday, December 13, and Science and Computer Applications on Wednesday, December 14. Any conflict exams will be scheduled for 11:30-1:30 each day. School policy states that no exams can be moved or taken early. If a student must leave prior to the completion of our exams, he/she will be permitted to take the exam upon his/her return to school in January. The following is an excerpt from the Academic section of our Student/Parent Handbook: *Exams 3-10 Semester exams are given at the end of each semester and can account for as much as one-fifth of the semester grade. Often a student who has done poorly in a class during a semester can improve his/her grade considerably by doing well on the exam. Students must have the principal's permission to reschedule any exam they are unable to take at the scheduled time. Final exams may not be taken early unless the principal grants permission in advance.*

Student Travel and Winter Break

Looking ahead to winter break, we will be engaged in semester exams until the afternoon of Wednesday, December 14. Students are free to travel after their last exam on Wednesday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 10, with all travel back to campus preferred on Monday, January 9. All travel plans should be coordinated through our travel coordinator, Mrs. U'i Stevens (808-881-4012; ustevens@hpa.edu). The dormitories will remain open until noon on Friday, December 16, for students who await travel plans. A skeleton crew of residential faculty members from each dorm will provide supervision and trips to town for meals.

Thank you for your continued support of your child and the HPA program.
We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Fred Wawner
Dean of Student Life