

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Good Evening Myers Park High School Families,

INTERACT CLUB'S SAMARITAN'S FEET DRIVE:

The Interact Club will be collecting ***new shoes*** and monetary donations for [Samaritan's Feet](#), a non-profit organization that helps provide shoes to millions of people around the world. Samaritan's Feet believes that a ***new pair*** of shoes and the act of foot-washing can:

- Provide a tangible foundation of hope and the opportunity for a better life
- Prompt children to focus on school and families not to worry
- Protect feet and decrease the possibility of getting a foot-borne disease

How can you help? Interact Club will be collecting ***new shoes*** at the ***Friday, December 9***, home basketball game. Students and supports will stand court side and present the shoes during lineup announcements. If you can't make the game, please drop off a ***new pair*** of shoes in the main office between December 9th and January 13th OR make a monetary [donation](#). Thank you in advance for your support!

END OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS & MIDTERMS:

End of Course assessments and midterms will be as follows:

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - Period 1
- Thursday, January 19, 2023 - Period 2
- Friday, January 20, 2023 - Period 3
- Monday, January 23, 2023 - Period 4
- Tuesday, January 24, 2023 - School-Wide Make-Ups

Please Note:

- Students in A/B Day classes will have a silent transition at 9:45 AM:
 - A Day midterm - 7:15 AM to 9:45 AM
 - B Day midterm - 9:50 AM to 12:20 PM
- ***ALL students will be dismissed for the day at 12:30 PM with "Grab & Go" lunch available to students.***
- To avoid any testing irregularities, ***students CANNOT be dismissed before 12:30 PM.***
- The End of Course Assessments and Midterms schedule cannot be altered to accommodate absences unless medically documented. ***Please do NOT reach out to teachers or counselors to request alternate testing days.***

ATTENDANCE RECOVERY UPDATES:

Attendance at the high school level is taken each block. For a student to be counted as present for the block, the student must be in attendance for at least one-half of the block.

For the 2022 – 2023 school year, high school students absent from eleven class periods or more will receive a grade of F for that course ([please see policy](#)). This is not a new policy unique to Myers Park High School. It is a district policy suspended by our Board of Education in 2019 - 2021 but is now active as a policy and procedure for 2022 - 2023. This rule applies to all absences, whether excused or unexcused.

To allow teachers to better communicate the number of absences students need to recover, students are asked to present medical documentation or a written note from the parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence once they return to school. Documents or notes MUST be dropped off in the Attendance Office or emailed to [Erica Stines](#). If there are concerns with confidentiality, then the documentation can be submitted to the Counselor or School Nurse.

Once documentation or notes are received, then absences will be properly coded in PowerSchool. Absences coded as follows will NOT require "Attendance Recovery" (see below):

- Illness or Injury
- Death in the Immediate Family
- Medical or Dental Appointments
- Quarantine
- School Sponsored Activity
- Homebound/Residential

In these cases, ***students will NOT have to submit a Medical Waiver form. Teachers will review the coding in PowerSchool.***

For students who exceed 10 absences, and the absences are NOT coded as above, teachers will be offering "Attendance Recovery" sessions by department. Students with 11 or more absences can recover the days missed above the initial 10 days (1 day = 45 minutes of "attendance recovery"). For example, when a student has missed 12 days of their English class, then the student will need to recover 2 days (90 minutes) with their teacher.

To participate in "attendance recovery", the student must speak with their teacher. The teacher will let the student know the available times and days. "Attendance Recovery" completion records will be maintained by departments and administrative contacts for the departments will have access to review the records and sign-off on "Attendance Recovery" completion.

Please Note:

1. "Attendance Recovery" must be pre-scheduled with the teacher.
2. Students must arrive on time and remain for the full session. Late arrival or early departure will result in no credit for the session.
3. Morning sessions will begin at 6:35 AM (30-minute sessions) and 6:20 AM (45-minute sessions). Morning sessions will conclude at 7:05 AM. Afternoon sessions will begin at 2:20 PM (45-minute sessions) and conclude at 3:05 PM.
4. Students must engage during the session, completing any make-up work/assessments or actively participating in tutoring.

5. Students who misbehave will be removed and will not receive credit for the session. Misbehavior includes excessive talking, head down, unauthorized use of cell phones, off task working, playing games on electronic devices, etc...

If you have any questions, please email [Allyson Davis](#), Assistant Principal of Instruction.

Thank you and we wish you a wonderful evening!