

February 1, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This week marks the half-way point of the 2009-2010 school year, and provides an excellent opportunity for students to refocus on their academic progress and achievement. Regular and prompt daily attendance is one of the most significant contributors to academic progress. In fact, Arlington High School data for the Freshman House indicates that approximately 50% of students who failed one or more classes in the first quarter, also had five or more absences. Absences and tardiness interrupt the continuity of students' academic program and adversely affect student achievement. Enclosed, you will find your son or daughter's second quarter report card. Full-day absences are noted at the bottom of the page, and class absences for the marking period and year-to-date are noted to the right of the grade. If you have any concerns regarding attendance or academic progress, I encourage you to contact your student's guidance counselor or house administrators.

Second semester is a very busy time for our seniors. Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, June 27, and this year's ceremony will be held at Dutchess Stadium. More details will be forthcoming in the spring. If you are the parent or guardian of a senior and have concerns about requirements or credits for graduation, please contact your child's guidance counselor immediately. This year's Senior Prom is scheduled for Friday, May 21 at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor.

Scheduling for the 2010-2011 school year has begun and will be ongoing throughout the month of February. It has always been our practice to involve parents in the important process. Please review the 2010-2011 Course Selection Guide with your student and help them to plan a course of study that is meaningful, challenging and appropriate.

It is vital that we continue to work together to maximize your child's opportunities for academic success and a positive social experience at Arlington High School. Communication is the key to this cooperative effort between students, parents and staff. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your questions and concerns. In the short time since my arrival, I have been most impressed by the enthusiasm of our

students, the support of our parents, and the dedication of our faculty. I have included below a calendar of major events for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Brendan Lyons

Principal

The Admiral Players present Grease!

Friday & Saturday – April 16th & 17th – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday – April 18th – 2:00 p.m.

\$12.00 – adults

\$10.00 – students & seniors

\$8.00 – Golden Admirals w/card

