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Second Semester

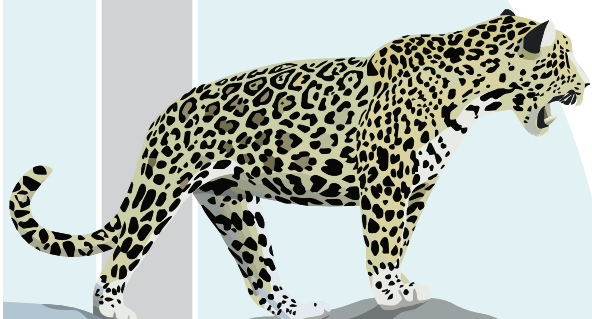
January marks the beginning of our second semester. Each year, during the second semester all schools experience an increase in absences and late arrivals, and a gradual decline in academic performance. So prevalent is this trend, it has been referred to as the "Second Semester Slide". We are determined to improve this trend and **you the parents** can play a major role. Absences and tardiness are two of the reasons that grades decline. **Please be vigilant in making sure your student attends school every day and arrives on time.** Your attention to this issue will have a positive effect on your student, reinforcing the importance you place on attendance.



To assure continued academic success and not fall victim to "Second Semester Slide", **re-establish your student's homework and study routine. Help him/her to reclaim the space and time meant for this important purpose.** Determine if any supplies or devices are needed. They make great holiday gifts. Also, **monitor your student's grades, attendance, and classwork by accessing Parent Portal.** Learn what tutoring and support opportunities are available here at school to improve results. Again, your attention to your student's school work will have a tremendous positive effect. When students are prepared for class each day, they will attend each day, arrive on time, and perform with confidence.

These efforts; **staying informed about your student's progress, re-establishing a solid home-study routine, and making certain that your student attends every day and arrives on time** will have an enormous positive result and help us all overcome "Second Semester Slide".

With Jaguar Pride,
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VISION STATEMENT

To provide an educational experience committed to excellence in academics, arts, and athletics that ensures our students will have success as lifelong learners.

MISSION STATEMENT

Forestview High School is dedicated to providing rigorous and relevant experiences that cultivate globally competitive students.

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Helpful Reminders

Parking On Campus

Students that drive to school must have a valid Forestview Parking Permit. See Mr. Chambers to purchase your permit. You will need....

1. Valid Driver's License
2. License Plate Information
3. Completed Parking Permit Information form
4. The cost is \$25



Student Check-Out

A parent or guardian must check-out any student. You must....

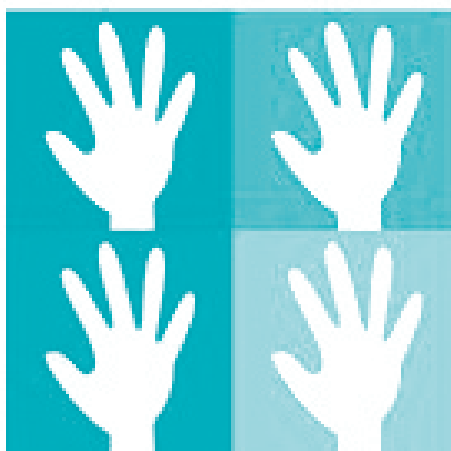
1. Check-out your student through the guidance office, in person, if your student does NOT drive to school.
2. Speak with the attendance secretary and verify information PRIOR to your student leaving campus. (If your student drives to school, a parent or guardian MUST speak directly with the secretary; no email or voicemails accepted. This is to ensure your student's safety.
3. ALL students checking out MUST check out using the check-out computer system BEFORE leaving campus. Failure to properly check out may result in other disciplinary action.

School Attendance

Attendance is key to success in all courses. Students are expected to attend all classes each school day. Please do your very best to avoid leaving campus; make arrangements for appointments after school hours when possible. Attendance means....

1. A student is present in each class for 75 of the 90 minute period. *Missing 15 minutes results in an absence for the class period.
2. Students may not miss more than 10 days in each class. *Missing more than 10 days results in students going through an attendance appeal request process IF they are passing the course.
3. Students are responsible for all work missed when they are absent for class; for any reason (excused or unexcused). *Failure to ask the teacher for make-up work or not complete make up work will result in poor grades and a lower course grade overall.

Get up! Dress up! Show up!



**Every
Student
Every
Day**

Jags Upcoming Events

January 10	Spring Semester Begins (Report Cards Distributed 1/13/22)
January 13	Fall Athletics Sports Banquet (7pm - Auditorium)
January 17	MLK Holiday (No School)
January 24	Curriculum Night (5:30-7pm drop in)
January 25	Spirit Night @ Marco's Pizza
February 7	PTO Meeting 7pm (cafeteria)
February 8	FAB Meeting 7pm (cafeteria)
February 10	Interim Reports
February 21	Teacher Work Day (No School)
February 22	Spirit Night @ Marco's Pizza
February 26 - March 27	Course Registration Window for 22-23 School Year
March 1	ACT Test (all 11th graders)
March 4	PTO Port-a-pit Fundraiser Event
March 7	PTO Meeting 7pm (cafeteria)
March 8	FAB Meeting 7pm (cafeteria)
March 10	Early Dismissal (12:15)/Parent Conference Night (1-7pm)
March 11	Teacher Work Day (No School)
March 22	Spirit Night @ Marco's Pizza
March 23	Josten's Delivery Day (pick up during lunches)
March 24	Report Cards Home
March 24-26	Spring Musical "Little Shop of Horrors"
April 9	Annual Run 4 Money Event (Choose 'Forestview')
April 15-22	Spring Break



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Spring Into Academic Success

We want you to be successful in the new semester. After school tutoring is available through May 28, 2022.

Here is how you can get the help you need.

1. Talk to your teacher first. Your teachers are a valuable resource and they are willing to help. All you need to do is ask. You may set up a time convenient to both you and your teacher to get the extra help you need.
2. We will offer a Tuesday/Thursday after school remediation program to help those students enrolled in EOC courses (Math I, Biology, and English 10). This program will begin **February 1st** and will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm-4:30pm. We will provide bus transportation as well for those students that need it.
3. Take the time to get the extra help you need before you fall behind. Sometimes it only takes a short period of time, working in a small group or individually with teachers, to get on track to making good grades. Start early and invest the time; it will pay off in the end.
4. Saturday School Sessions are available each month to help students make up work, recover a grade in a failed course, or prepare for Final Exams. You must see your teacher or Assistant Principal to sign up for Saturday School.

**Contact your teacher today to make arrangements for tutoring.*



Every School Day Counts

- An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
- Research shows that missing 10 percent of school days, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
- Chronic absence is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their school performance.
- Good attendance is an important life skill.
- Parents play a key role in school attendance. Let your student know it is the expectation. Establish home-study routines and sleep habits that make attendance a non-issue. Encourage participation in school clubs, organizations, and sports. Monitor his/her progress and talk about it. Students who are engaged at home and at school rarely miss a day.



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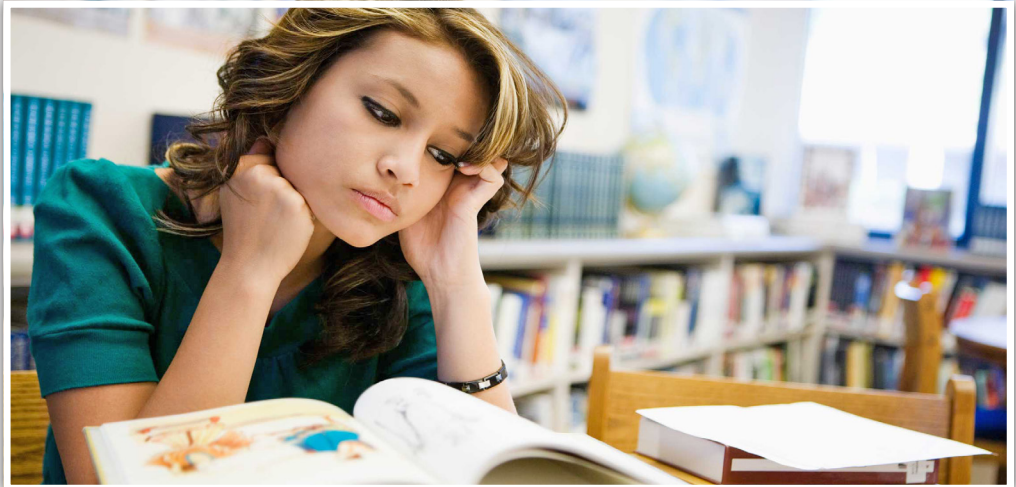
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Helping Your Student Focus on Schoolwork

To do well in school, students must learn to focus. They must be able to concentrate on one thing and not be distracted. Mastering this ability will benefit them throughout their lives. To strengthen your teen's ability to stay focused:

- **Help them recognize when they're not focused.** Say, "I think you've lost your focus" when you see them fidget, daydream, yawn or stare into space.
- **Don't make lack of focus a crime.** Your student needs to be able to admit when they've lost their concentration. Blaming them only makes them defend themselves. They're likely to make excuses instead of figuring out ways to focus.
- **Help them prioritize.** It will be easier for your teen to focus when they know what to do first, second and third.
- **Encourage them to break large tasks into smaller ones.** Students lose focus when a task is overwhelming.
- **Slow things down.** Don't move or talk too fast yourself. And comment when you see your student speeding up. Ask, "Are you taking your time?" and "Have you stopped to check your work?"
- **Get your student to relocate.** If they've lost their focus, it might be easier to refocus in another place, free from distractions.
- **Minimize distractions.** Make rules about TV and phone time, computer and video games. Schoolwork should come first.
- **Avoid interrupting.** When your teen is working on schoolwork, don't remind them to do something else.
- **Give clear instructions.** Saying, "Get organized" is too vague. "List the tasks you have to do tonight" is more specific.





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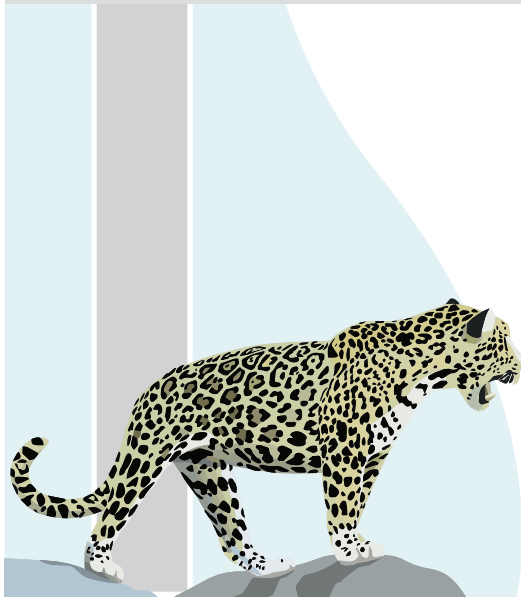
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