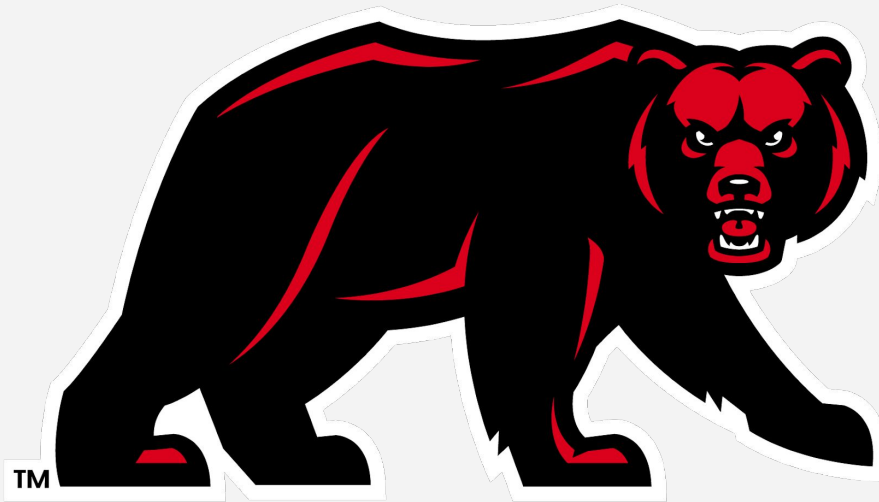


# 8th Grade Parent Night



February 12th, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

# Welcome to Chittenango High School



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# Keys to Success

- ◆ **Maintain Excellent Attendance**
- ◆ **Utilize 10th Period**
- ◆ **Complete Work Everyday**
- ◆ **Be Connected**



# Graduation Requirements

## **Types of Diplomas:**

- Regents
- Regents with Advanced Designation  
(preferred for students who plan to attend college)
- Local



# Graduation Requirements

## Units required:

<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Math</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Science</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>World Language</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(3 for Advanced Diploma)</b>
<b>Art/music</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Health</b>	<b>.5</b>	
<b>P.E.</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Electives</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>(1.5 for Advanced)</b>



# Exams Required for Graduation

## **REGENTS DIPLOMA**

**65 % or higher required**

- ◆ **English (11<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- ◆ **Algebra (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- ◆ **Global Studies (10<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- ◆ **US History (11<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- ◆ **Science (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade)**



# Exams Required for Graduation

## **ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA**

same as above with additional exams:

- ◆ **Geometry**
- ◆ **Algebra 2/Trig.**
- ◆ **2nd Science**
- ◆ **World Language**



# Additional Recommendations:

- ◆ Depending on their career goals, most students should pursue classes that go beyond the basic requirements:
  - ◆ 4/5 years Math, Science & World Language





# Meeting Graduation Requirements

- ◆ In high school, if a student does not pass a required course, he/she must repeat that course, either in summer school or the following year.
- ◆ The 9th, 10th, and 11th grade courses all count and are used by colleges to make admissions decisions.



# Elements of a Freshman Schedule

- ◆ English 9 or English 9 Honors
- ◆ Global 9 or Global 9 Honors
- ◆ Modified Algebra, Algebra, Geometry or Geometry Honors
- ◆ Biology or Biology Honors
- ◆ Spanish 2 or French 2
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Elective: Art, Music, Business, Technology
- ◆ Lunch/Study Hall



# Course Selection Sheet Bottom Section

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW - A MINIMUM OF 6.5 UNITS IS REQUIRED:

## FIRST SEMESTER

- 1 ENGLISH 9
- 2 GLOBAL STUDIES 9
- 3 MATH
- 4 SCIENCE
- 5 PHYS ED /SCIENCE LAB
- 6 LANGUAGE
- 7 LUNCH

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## 2ND SEMESTER

- 1 ENGLISH 9
- 2 GLOBAL STUDIES 9
- 3 MATH
- 4 SCIENCE
- 5 PHYS ED / SCIENCE LAB
- 6 LANGUAGE
- 7 LUNCH

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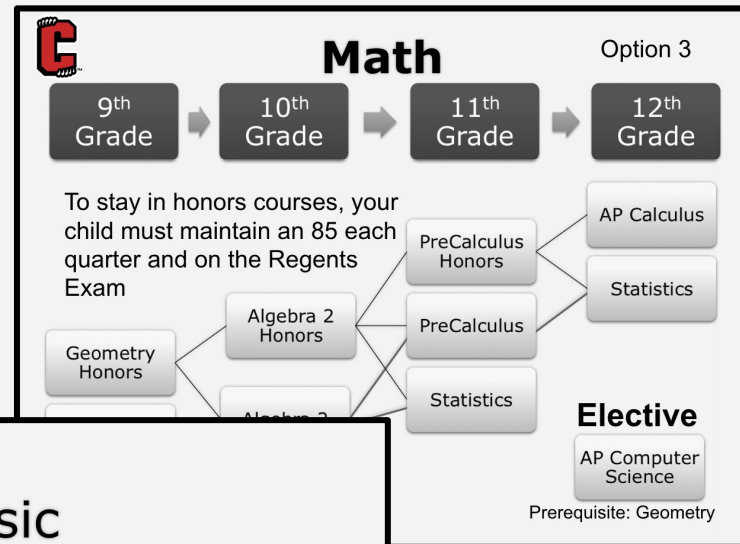
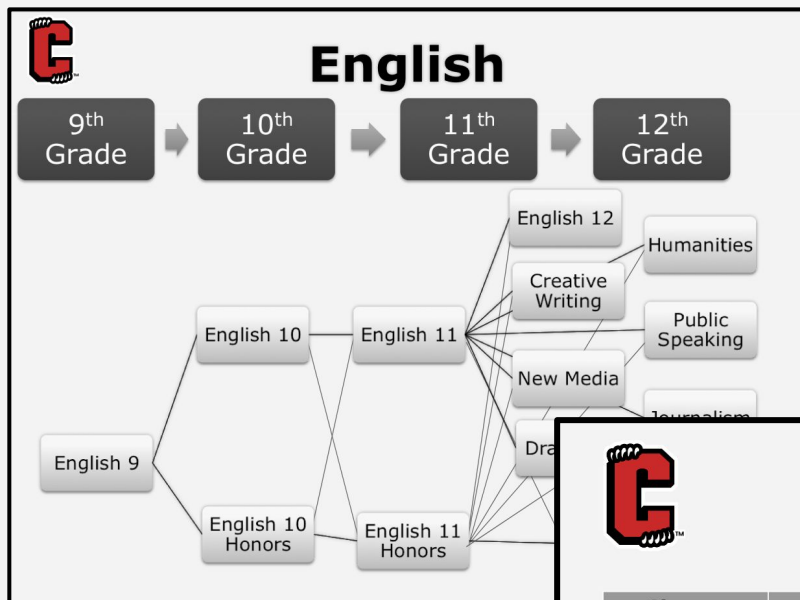
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ALTERNATE ELECTIVES:

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# Course Mappings for all Departments posted on CHS Counseling Website



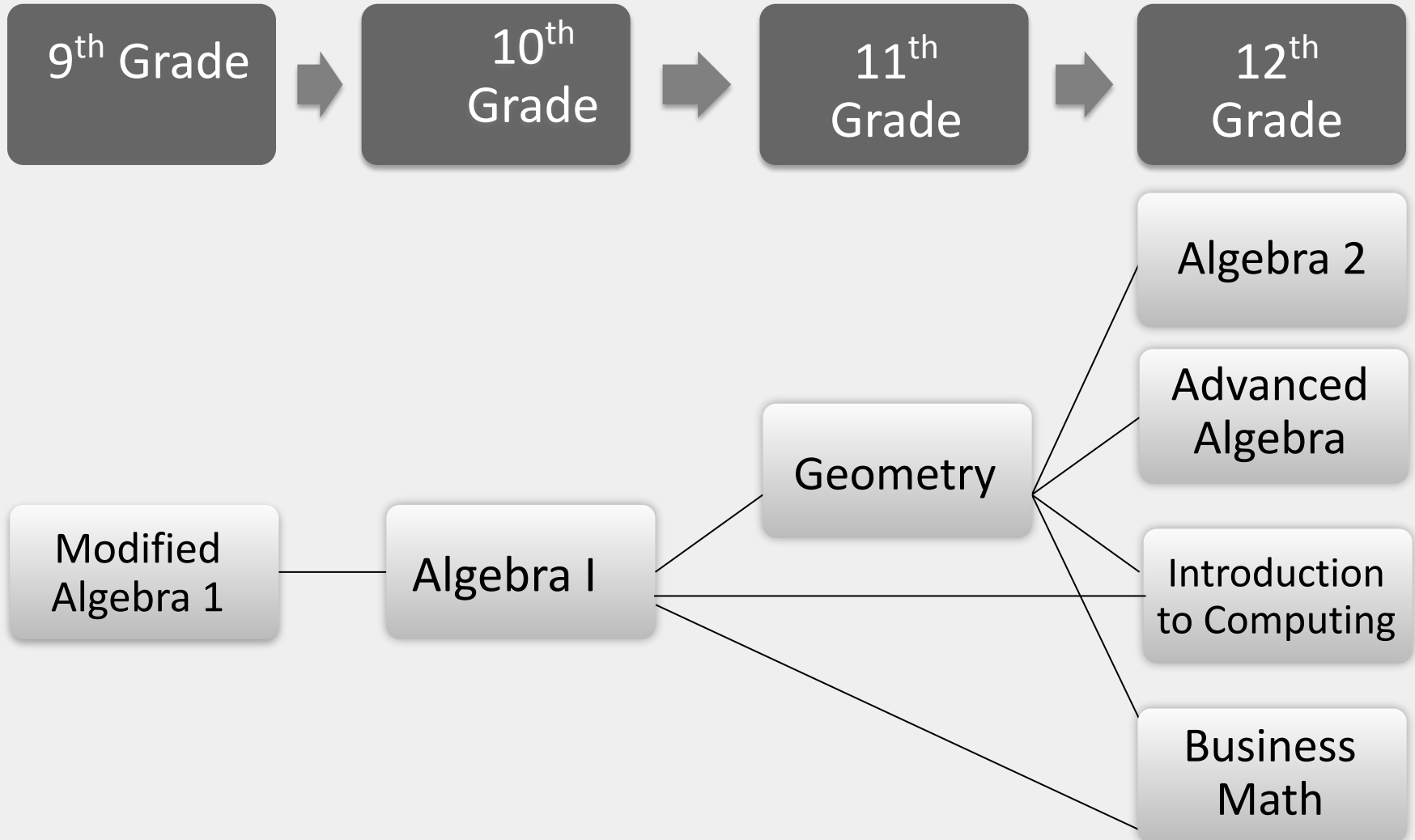
## Music

Chorus	Band	Orchestra	General
Concert Choir Select Choir	Concert Band Wind Ensemble Dixieland Band Jazz Band	Orchestra Chamber Orchestra	Music Theory 1 (College Credit) Music Theory 2 (College Credit)  Classroom Piano



# Math

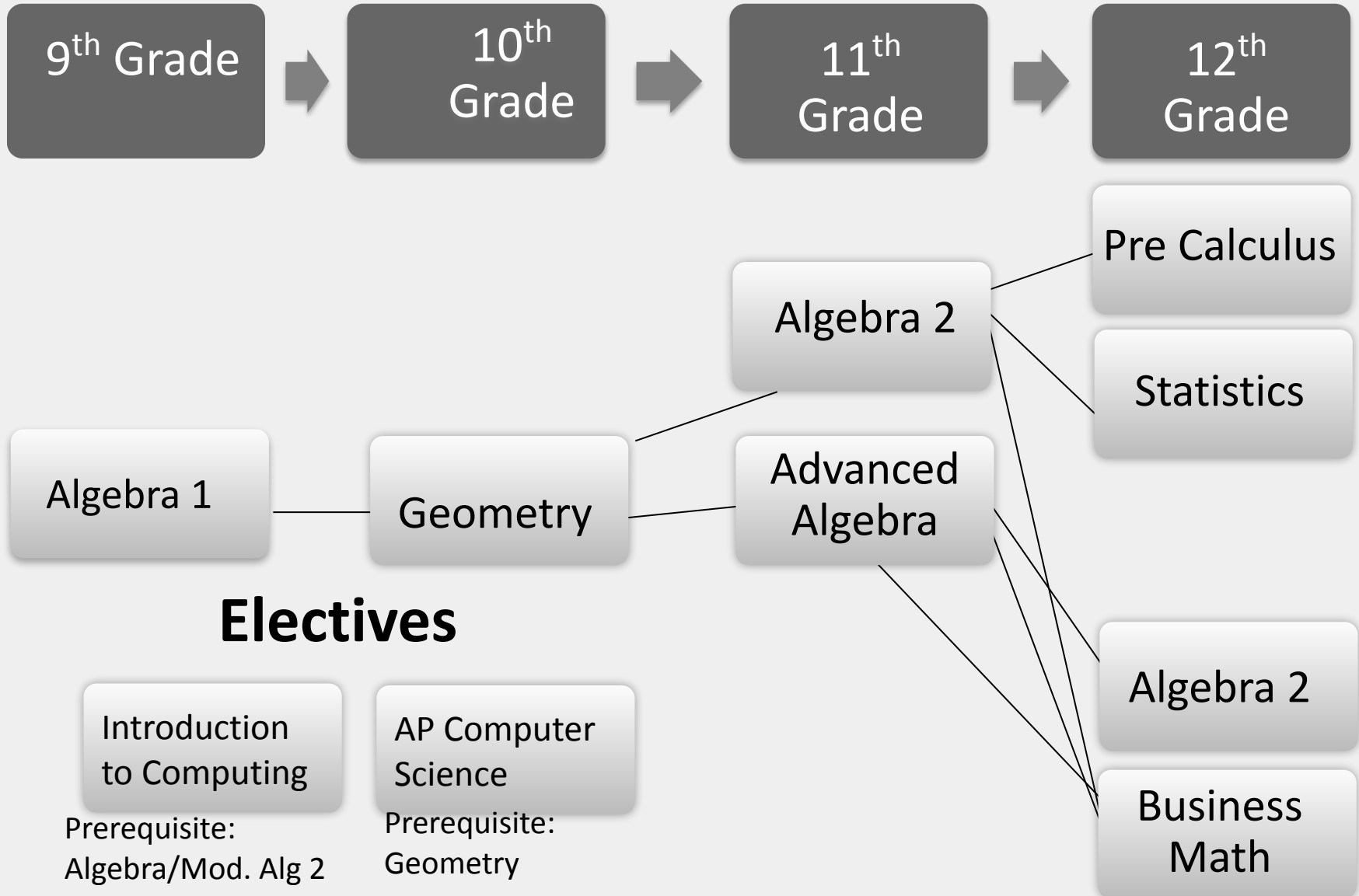
Option 1





# Math

Option 2





# Math

Option 3

9<sup>th</sup> Grade



10<sup>th</sup>  
Grade



11<sup>th</sup>  
Grade



12<sup>th</sup>  
Grade

Geometry  
Honors

Algebra 2  
Honors

Pre Calculus  
Honors

AP Calculus

Geometry

Algebra 2

Pre Calculus

Statistics

## Electives

Introduction  
to Computing

Prerequisite:  
Algebra/Mod. Alg 2

AP Computer  
Science

Prerequisite:  
Geometry

Statistics

To stay in honors  
courses, your child  
must maintain an 85  
each quarter and on  
the Regents Exam



# CMS Counseling

- Throughout the month of February and into March counselors will meet with students on an individual/small group basis to select high school courses.
- We encourage you to talk with your child about the elective courses offered at the high school. The course selection book can be found online through the Chittenango High School page.
- If you would like to be part of the scheduling process, please make an appointment with your child's middle school counselor.





# Opportunities for College Credit While in High School

- ◆ Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
  - ◆ Sponsored by the College Board
  - ◆ College Level courses taught by CHS teachers in:
    - ◆ US History, Biology, Physics, Calculus, Economics, English, Computer Programming, Ceramics
    - ◆ Fee: \$95.00
    - ◆ Scores on exams range - 1 - 5
    - ◆ Most colleges grant credit for scores of 3 or higher



# Opportunities for College Credit While in High School

- ◆ Concurrent Enrollment
  - ◆ Student is enrolled in the course while in high school
  - ◆ Student earns both high school and college credit



# Opportunities for College Credit While in High School

## ◆ Courses offered:

- ◆ SUNY ESF - Global Environment (~\$200)
- ◆ TC3 - French 4 & 5, Spanish 4 & 5, Accounting, Business and Personal Law, Microsoft Office, Applied Computer Keyboarding, Health and Fitness, Music Theory, Chemistry, Physics, Global 10 (Free)
- ◆ TC3 - New classes pending approval for this year: Introduction to Computer Science, PreCalculus & College Success (Free)



# Beyond the Classroom: Planning for Success

- ◆ Consider opportunities that might enhance the educational experience and help with “future planning”
  - ◆ BOCES: 2 year career and technical education programs
  - ◆ Clubs and activities
  - ◆ Volunteer and community service
  - ◆ Start a “Resume”
    - SCOIR



# Get Involved!

- ☐ Art Club
- ☐ Bear Den News
- ☐ Class Officers
- ☐ Dixieland Band
- ☐ Envirothon
- ☐ Esports
- ☐ Fall Play (Drama Club)
- ☐ FBLA
- ☐ FOR Club
- ☐ French Honor Society
- ☐ Gamers Club
- ☐ Jazz Band
- ☐ Junior Honor Society
- ☐ Leadership Group
- ☐ Mock Trial
- ☐ National Honor Society (11-12)
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Orchestra
- ☐ Robotics
- ☐ SADD
- ☐ Science Olympiad
- ☐ Select Choir
- ☐ Ski Club
- ☐ Spanish Honor Society
- ☐ Spring Musical
- ☐ Stage & Lighting Crew
- ☐ Student Council
- ☐ Trap Shooting
- ☐ Yearbook "Palladium"



# Athletics

## **Fall Sports**

Cross Country  
Cheerleading  
Football  
Boy's Golf  
Soccer  
Girl's Tennis

## **Winter Sports**

Basketball  
Bowling  
Cheerleading  
Indoor Track  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

## **Spring Sports**

Baseball  
Girl's Golf  
Lacrosse  
Softball  
Boy's Tennis  
Track



# Services to Students

- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Mental Health Evaluation/Drug & Alcohol Evaluation/Assessment
- ◆ Referrals to outside agencies & service providers
- ◆ SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
- ◆ FOR Club (Friends of Rachel)



# Life Skills Program

- ◆ Co-teach with 9th Grade English classes  
Botvin Life Skills (Research based program on substance abuse reduction for teenagers)

7 Unit topics:

1. The Value of good Health
2. Decision Making for Health
3. Risk taking and substance abuse
4. The Media & Health
5. Managing Stress, Anger & other Emotions
6. Family Communication
7. Healthy Relationships





# Parents ....how you play a role

- Expect your child to attend school, on time, everyday
- Provide a quiet environment to work free of distractions
- Encourage students to stay after and receive help
- Make use of SchoolTool (online gradebook) & Google Classroom
- Work together with the school; call or email with questions or concerns
- Attend parent programs provided by the school
- Set realistic academic goals with your child
- Encourage your child to be involved
- Talk to your child about what is happening in school
- Discuss with your child about future careers and college
- Encourage your child to take rigorous courses.



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Thank you for attending.



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