

# Class of 2021: In the Loop Newsletter from Ms. Smith

## May/Summer

### What is happening in May/Summer:

- ★ Thank you to everyone who completed the Counseling & Social Work Needs Assessment!
- ★ Students wanting to take a World Language placement test: email me by Monday, May 7
- ★ Confirmation letters for Summer Driver's Education: have been emailed to student and parent/guardian. Please show up at designated time, students can miss no more than 2 days.
- ★ **If a student wants anything changed with their course requests/schedule they must email or request a meeting with me by Friday, May 11!**
- ★ Finals: Tuesday, May 29 (EB if applicable and 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> periods), and Wednesday, May 30 (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> periods) from 8:30 a.m. until 12:25 p.m. each day.
- ★ Last day of school: Wednesday, May 30
- ★ Free Athletic Physicals Available: May 30 12:45-3:00 in the CCHS Gym
- ★ First day of school 2018-19: Tuesday, August 14, 2018

### Q4 Visit Recap:

- ★ Student Contract: At the beginning of the year I proposed two goals for freshman year, and we spent some time reviewing these goals in my Q4 classroom visit:
  - Work hard to graduate with your class in 2021.
  - Get involved in a club, activity, or sport freshman year. In the first semester alone we had 67% of freshman participating in the school community!
- ★ All students were given their course request sheets with very valuable information. Please be sure to ask about these request sheets. Any and all changes must be shared with me by May 11.
- ★ Official schedules will be created over the summer and an All-Call will go out by the end of the summer, before the start of school, informing students they can check their Student Portal for their schedule. This will be the schedule they follow the first day of school.
- ★ I have encouraged students to look over their requests / "wish list" one last time to make sure:
  - All classes are accurate
  - They have at least one class they are interested in or excited about
  - They are balancing rigor with wellness and academic success
  - They have thought about post-secondary planning & have classes that fit their plans

### Students: don't stop, keep working hard!

#### Academic Goal Setting & Motivation (Let's finish the year strong!)

- ★ Setting goals is a great start to achieving academic success. Set SMART goals: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely. Check out [5 Tips About Goal Setting](#).
- ★ Find an accountability partner: a parent, friend, family member, etc. and tell them about the personal goals you set with me in English! Work towards achieving your goals everyday.
- ★ Use the [exam calculator](#) to determine what you need to achieve the grades you want.
- ★ For help with motivation read this article about [motivation](#).
- ★ Worried about finals, study tips can be found [here](#).

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### Summer Enrichment Opportunity:

- ★ There are two sessions for Summer Enrichment
  - June 4-15
  - June 18-22
- ★ Classes are 2 hours long and offered from 8:30-10:30; 10:30-12:30; 1:00-3:00
- ★ You can check out the Program Brochure [here](#)
- ★ You can check out the Course Descriptions [here](#)
- ★ You can register by clicking [here](#)

### Looking Ahead, Sophomore Year:

- ★ Academic: Help students set SMART goals and work towards achieving their best academically. We will cover topics such as Study Skills and Stress Management (according to the *Needs Assessment* survey, these were the top two areas students wanted more help with).
- ★ Social/Emotional: Students will take a Grit Scale Survey. Students will spend the year trying to increase their individual and class grit scale score. What is grit, you might ask? Grit is passion and perseverance for long-term goals.
- ★ Career/College: Naviance activities will include *MI Advantage*, *Game Plan Survey*, and *Career Interest Profiler*. Students will be encouraged to explore a number of career possibilities and create a fun, big list of possibilities, and then we will start to drill down into more specific careers that will align with individual student's interests, passions, and strengths.

### Summer Credit Recovery/Rebound:

- ★ If a student were to fail a required class, he/she will receive a letter from me including flyers for Summer Credit Recovery as well as Summer Rebound. This letter will be mailed after grades have been finalized at the end of May. It is strongly encouraged that students take advantage of one of these two programs to prevent the risk falling behind & not graduating on time.



**Midterm Treat: Freshman students who have a letter grade of C or better in ALL classes, stop by my office for a treat.**

**Please visit before school, during lunch, or after school.**

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