#### Welcome!

-Please sit by your counselor -Do a Remind set up **Class of 2027** Create a text with the message: @aussem27 Send to this number: 81010 Create a text with the message: @foster27 Send to this number: 81010 Create a text with the message: @greisch27 Send to this number: 81010 Create a text with the message: @hall2027 Send to this number: 81010

## What is high school all about?

Four *As* of school: •Academics •Activities •Arts •Athletics



### What will we learn today?

- Credits
- Grades
- GPA
- WFBHS Graduation Requirements
- Exemption Policy
- Global Scholars
- Support Services
- Keeping a balance



#### Credits

# How do you earn credits?

- Passing Your Classes with A, B, C, or D
- One semester = 1 credit
- Year long class = 2 credits



#### To graduate from high school, you need 40 credits

- 8 credits of English
- 6 credits of Math
- 6 credits of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- 6 credits of History
  - Global Studies (9th)
  - Economics (10th)
  - US History (11th)
  - American Government (12th)

- Health 1 credit
- PE 3 credits
- Computers 1 credit
- Cultural Arts –2 credits

   (Any of the following count: art, music, drama, world language, woodworking)
- Electives

#### Semester class = 1 credit Year long class = 2 credits

#### Semester vs. Quarter Grades

1<sup>st</sup> Semester September - January

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester January (end) - June

The semester grades are the only grades on your transcript, and will be the only grades that will go into the GPA.

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
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The quarter grades follow your progress throughout the year. They will also determine if you are eligible to participate in sports & extracurricular activities. 6

#### Grades

Standard - letter grades are assigned to a numeric value. A = 4.0A-=3.667 B + = 3.333B = 3.0 B-=2.667 C + = 2.333C = 2.0C-=1.667 D + = 1.333D = 1.0 D = 0.667F = 0.000 (no credit)



#### How to calculate GPA

- GPA (grade point average) Average of grade points earned for total classes completed.
- A simple math problem You earn a letter grade for each of your classes

Biology = A (4.0)	4.0
Algebra = $B+(3.333)$	3.333
Global Studies = $B(3.0)$	3.0
English = C+ (2.333)	2.333
PE = A - (3.667)	3.667
World language = $B$ - (2.667)	+2.667

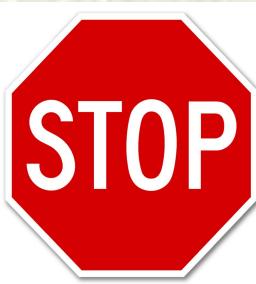
Total =19 points

Divide by # of classes 19/6= 3.166

#### STOP and reflect

. Why is your GPA important?

- . Who is going to see your GPA?
- Why is it important to learn about your GPA as a freshman?



## Semester Exemption Policy

#### Two tiers to criteria:

- Enrolled in at least 6 classes that require an exam.
- No unexcused absences.
- No disciplinary referrals.
- No current semester grade less than C-.
- If the above criteria are met, then in order to exempt a class current semester grade must be B or higher.
- No more than 7 excused absences per class (aside from school related activity or religious observation).
- Not a year long class for which the first semester exam was already exempted.
- Work on the exam does not begin prior to the scheduled exam time. (ex. A project based exam).
- \*Please refer to your student handbook to review the details.



#### Global Scholars Program

Do you have a special interest and passion for global issues? Then, you might want to consider the path to becoming a Global Scholar!

\*Information found on high school website, located under "Academics" and "Programs":

**Global Scholars Home** 



## Support Services

- ISHP (Individual Student Help Period)
- Writing lab
- Adults in the building to help you:
  - Counselor
  - School Psychologist
  - School Nurse
  - Principal/Associate Principal



### Keeping a balance

- Pay attention to yourself and your needs
- Eat healthy, make good choices for your body, get good rest, stay active and involved, be around positive people
- Try new things (in and outside of school)
- Take classes that interest you and are a good fit
- Get connected to teachers, build relationships
- Social media---monitor/reduce distractions

