



November 15, 2019

Good Afternoon Parents and Guardians:

Next week, from November 18-22nd, we will be administering Mid-Advisory Assessments and Unit Tests to all scholars. Therefore, we need your help in ensuring that your child is in on time to school every day next week. These assessments are 25% of scholars' grades and will provide important information on not only how much they have learned, but also, areas of focus for their continued learning for the second half of the advisory. We also need your support in making sure your child has a positive mindset, is well-rested, and shows up ready to do their best. This week, we rolled out Student Profile Sheets with our scholars. Student Profiles provide a comprehensive picture of how the scholar is doing with academic and non-academic data points that are important to ensuring a scholar's success (i.e. grades, attendance, assessments, GPA, behavior, etc.) We are using these sheets to continue goal-setting with our scholars. Please ensure you review your child's current progress and discuss the goals they have set for the next month.

Secondly, there has been an update in our Paul PCS School Calendar. Monday, December 2nd will now be a Professional Development Day for staff which means there will be no school for our scholars. This Professional Development Day has been added to provide additional training for your child's teacher to prepare engaging and dynamic instruction through the end of Advisory Two. To that end, the Thanksgiving Break for scholars has been extended, and scholars should not report back to school until 7:45am on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Lastly, one of our first commitments to you is to ensure the safety and well-being of your child. However, because of the day and age we live in, there are poor and dangerous choices that students across the country make that threaten the safety for all scholars. There is no better example of this than the unfortunate and tragic incident that occurred yesterday at a high school in Santa Clarita, California. To continue to ensure the safety of all Paul PCS scholars, we are requesting that parents speak with their children regarding everyone's responsibility in school safety and to encourage them to immediately notify an adult at school and at home, if they hear or see anything regarding a classmate having any type of weapon - including anything they might see or hear via social media. Know that we remain confident in our current security systems and internal processes to ensure the safety of our scholars. Moreover, please understand that because of the seriousness of incidents like this, we will take swift and immediate action if we receive information that any child is speaking about harming others using a weapon or is identified as having any type of weapon on or near our school property.

Thank you as always, for your continued support and collaboration. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your school principal.

Have a great weekend!