

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
January 11, 2010

The Week Ahead:

- January 12 – Department Chairperson's Meeting at 2:45 in room M113
- January 12 – PTA at 7:00 p.m.
- January 18 – No School in celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King Day (Dr. King's actual birthday is January 15)

Special Notice: Our new Senior Secretary – Ms. Jodi Vahey – will be in the office a couple of mornings next week and will start full time as soon as she can wrap things up at her current assignment. Please stop in and make her feel welcome.

Farther Out:

- January 19 – BIG BIG BIG home Boy's and Girl's Basketball Game against McKean. ~~Plans are underway to encourage students to attend.~~ A big faculty turnout would *still* be great to see. For a variety of reasons (not the least of which is midterm exams) we are going to work on bringing students out to a game later in the season
- January 19 through 22 – Half Days for midterm exams
- January 22 – End of Second Marking Period
- January 26 – January SLRT – Major vote to recommend a bell schedule for next year is on the agenda
- January 27 – Teacher mark entry lock down – 4:00 p.m.
- *** A Clarification – Thanks Mr. Howard*** College Fair – the evening of 1/27/10 at Conrad Schools of Science – Teachers, please avoid major assignments DUE on 1/28 as the fair may run late
- February 1 – Report Cards ready for pick up

Reminders:

- Two reminders from the School Climate Committee...
 - Please do not send students out of class without a pass in the student's agenda book
 - Also, please do not give any student a pass out of class after 2:00 p.m. except in the case of an emergency
- The deadline for retuning the Faculty Commitment Letter (distributed at the 1/5 faculty meeting) is January 29
- The schedule for midterm exams and for mark reporting in January is not being altered as a result of the snow days in December

FYI: Attendance Recovery will begin at the start of the third marking period. Students will be able to stay in a proctored location one day per week or they can stay with any teacher as long as they are engaged in "supervised academic work done outside the normal school day." Students should see Mr. Kohan or Ms. Martinez to register. Students can also see Ms. Anderson (our Parent Liaison) to enroll in an off-site attendance recovery program held at the Fraim Boys & Girls Club.

Quotes of the Week: "There are different ways to reach short-term goals and outcomes, and some of them can actually undermine the ability of an organization to sustain performance and reach long-term goals."

"Ultimately, improving schools depends on working harder, increasing efficiency, and building capacity for more powerful instruction."

Both from Thomas Hatch in Ed Week 12/9/2009. I'm happy to send out the whole article if anyone's interested.

Bravo to Tom Karpinski – Dickinson's Stock Market Club was the recipient of one of Target Department Stores' Educational Field Trip Grants. Look for more details in the near future on our website.

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