



Helping Students Balance End of the Semester Requirements

For quite a while there has been much confusion about the days before Final Exams each semester. These days have been called Dead Week or Quiet Week. Additionally, student and teacher expectations of these days have varied tremendously. Thanks to the hard work of our Site Council, comprised of students, parents and staff members, we have established guidelines for these days before Finals and we are calling them Study Week.

The guidelines are attached and are also on our school website under Academics. We believe they will improve student balance during the hectic end of each semester and allow teachers to effectively assess student learning. Like most things in education, student success during the end of each semester will depend on all of us - students, parents and staff. Our Study Week guidelines are organized so that each of us can see what our role is in helping students balance their commitments during this very busy time of the year.

Please read these guidelines and discuss with your students/parents. We will, over the next several semesters, see how the guidelines work and adjust as needed. On behalf of our entire school community, I thank the Site Council for their hard work helping students be emotionally and academically successful.

Attendance

What else makes a big difference in helping students stay emotionally healthy and academically successful? Good attendance does! When students miss class, they not only lose learning opportunities that are difficult or impossible to replicate, they also become more anxious worrying about how their absences will affect their learning and achievement. Please remember to schedule appointments and vacations so students do not have to miss school. It is common for illness to impact student attendance during the year. Please do not add to student stress by adding appointments and vacations that can be scheduled outside of school time. Thank you!

Driving Safety

Please be sure to drive safely in our parking lots and on our surrounding streets. Concerns about adult and student safe driving have increased recently. Our parking lots and surrounding streets are busy before school, at lunch and after school. It is critical that we all drive courteously and safely. Please remember to obey all traffic laws, posted signs and look out for pedestrians, bicyclists and other automobiles. We want to make sure Redwood is safe for everyone.

2016-17 December/January Vacation

I know it seems early but I wanted to give those of you who plan the December/January vacations far in advance a heads up that the December 2016/January 2017 vacation falls much later than usual. Next school year, the vacation will begin on Friday, Dec. 23 and students will return on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Please plan your vacations accordingly. The 2016-17 school calendar can be found at: <http://goo.gl/U1wYXI>

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