Terra Linda High – Principal’s Message

October 8, 2020

Dear Terra Linda Parents and Guardians:

We are nearing the end of Term 1 on October 23rd, with just over two weeks of instruction remaining before students receive their first official grades on their transcript this year. Students will receive 5 credits per class at the end of Term 1, with letter grades being assigned to each class. A reminder that when following a 4 x 4 schedule each semester class covers a full year’s curriculum at an accelerated pace. Term 2 will conclude on January 15, and students will begin a new set of courses on January 19.

Progress Reports were recently mailed home, and updated grades are accessible online via Aeries and Canvas. Midterm exams will be held on October 22 (Periods 1 and 2) and October 23 (periods 3 and 4). Please review the schedule here. In preparation for midterms, students should check-in with teachers to discuss whether they will be administering a traditional exam via zoom, assigning an alternative project, or reviewing the material in another manner (ie: essay, presentation, group assignment).

Over the next three weeks, I encourage students to communicate with their teachers regarding their progress. If a student is currently receiving a D or F grade in one or more of their classes, they should do the following:

- Before attempting to work on missing assignments, complete work for the current day/week. Maintain completion of current and upcoming assignments.
- Once current assignments are done, check CANVAS for missing assignments and work on making these up, keeping in mind which assignments are worth the largest number of points.
- Utilize office hours every Monday. Consider emailing your teacher in advance with the question(s) or topic you would like to discuss during office hours. A sample email template can be found here.
- If a test/quiz retake is available, take advantage of the opportunity to improve a low grade.
- Contact your teacher or school counselor to learn about tutoring available by TL instructors, community programs, and through peer-tutoring groups.
- After completing all make-up assignments, consider extra credit opportunities if available.

If you have questions or concerns about a class, please contact the teacher directly. As mentioned previously, our faculty is committed to offering the very best distance learning program possible until we can resume in-person instruction. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Katy Dunlap
Principal