***Flores Announcements***

* Remember to keep your Student of the Month certificate for college resumes
* How will you be kind today?

***Counselor Parent Night***

The Counselors are hosting Parent Night on Tuesday, September 25, from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. This informational event will address frequently asked questions and provide an opportunity for parents to gain details related to the high school experience and how they can support their child in this process. Some topics include:

* What’s Your Plan?
* Understanding Transcripts
* College Preparation
* Community Service Opportunities

***StuCo Announcements***

-Homecoming Court Nomination forms are available outside room 223. YOU MAY NOT NOMINATE YOURSELF. Please pick up a nomination form, fill out the first portion and pass it to the person you are nominating. These are due to Ms. Reeves in 223 no later than the 19th at the end of the school day-no exceptions!

-Todays workday for StuCo is canceled today!

***In-N-Out Night Announcement***

Have you bought your In-N-Out ticket yet? The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, September 21st. You get a burger, chips and a drink for $5 on Monday, September 24th by the Killough cafeteria. Stay to enjoy the burger with your friends or head home with your family. See you in the main hallway during block lunch.

***Italy Farmers Travel Announcement***

Parent meeting tomorrow night in the lecture hall at 6pm for students interested in traveling to Italy. Stop by Room 205 or 229 during block lunch for more information.

***Celebrate Freedom Week Announcement***

**Abolitionist movement which led to the Emancipation Proclamation**

When Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 and the passing of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments which freed the slaves, gave them the right to vote, and made them full citizens in the United States, it had been a long time coming. Both men and women, known as abolitionists because they were trying to abolish slavery, had been working for more than 30 years to end slavery in the United States. Two sisters involved in the abolitionist movement not only wanted to free slaves but also free women of their oppression. Sara Grimke, along with her sister Angelina, was the first women in the United States to publicly argue for the abolition of slavery. Cultured and well-educated, they had first-hand knowledge of the condition of slaves. Their own father was a strong advocate of slavery and keeping women “in their place.” The sisters’ lectures about abolishing slavery created violent criticism because it was considered altogether improper for women to speak out on political issues. This made them aware of their own oppression as women, which they soon began to address along with abolitionism. The Grimke sisters insisted that both blacks and women deserve equality, not special treatment but simply the equal opportunity to succeed. They died before seeing women given the right to vote but because of their efforts women will gain the right to vote with the passing of the 19th amendment in 1920. Celebrate Freedom Week!

***Open Gym Block Lunch Announcement***

Today during block lunch, we will have volleyball during open gym. Please come join us and remember that food and drink are not permitted at any time.

***Texas Taysha’s List Library Announcement***

The Texas Taysha’s list is a yearly list of books chosen by a committee in Texas as the Best Books of last year.  The 2018 Taysha’s books are on display in the library this month and ready to be checked out.  Come on in during block lunch and browse the books.  Be sure to let us know it is a Taysha’s book when you come up to check it out.

***Future Farmer Ready Prep Group Announcement***

* Congratulations to the students that were selected for the 9th and 10th grade Future Ready Farmer Prep group.
* If you weren’t selected for the group, you still have an opportunity to work with Erika Dietz.
* She will be here this week on Wednesday and Thursday during A Block at Block Lunch.
* 9th grade she will be here on Wednesday, September 19th. She will be working on Getting to know yourself:
  + Myers Briggs
  + Drafting your academic journey with the end in mind
  + Goal setting
* 10th grade she will be here on Thursday, September 20th. She will be working on Goal setting and resumé drafting
  + Drafting a resumé
  + Understanding which extracurriculars matter to colleges and why
  + Understanding the importance of getting involved
  + Learning how to balance it all
  + Using a planner, choosing how to get involved and prioritize by importance
  + Understanding how to manage stress
* You can sign up to meet with her by using the QR code on the Guru Academic posters that are posted around the building.
* Remember these are monthly Block Lunch sessions, which will cover the same material as the cohort meetings, just in a slightly larger setting.
* If you are one of the first 20 students that register, you will receive a pass during your 1st and 2nd period classes.
* This pass will allow you to come to the library to meet with Mrs. Dietz.
* These sessions will be held in the library, but on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to register early every month.

We will be sending passes to all students who will be going to see Erika Dietz talk today. I have attached a spreadsheet with names, just in case, but I also wanted to let you know of the times they would be released. We will be sending the passes ahead of time, but the passes will specify the time to send them (the times are also listed below). Please do not send them early. Today will **only be 9th graders.**

**TIMES TO RELEASE STUDENTS:**

10:08- Release the 2nd period Cohort Group to go to room 100. They should all have pink passes

11:20- Release the Lunch Group to go to the library. They should all have pink passes.

12:43- Release the 3rd period Cohort Group to go to room 100. They should all have pink passes.

***If you can choose to be anything in this world, choose to be kind.***