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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Beginning Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019, all of our eighth grade students will begin a points system to encourage students to make good choices. Each student will be starting with zero points. Each disciplinary intervention will result in that student receiving points. The point assessment is as follows:

Out of School Suspension (5-10 days) = 8 points

Out of School Suspension (1-4 days) = 6 points

In School Suspension = 4 points

Saturday Service = 3 points

Bus suspension = 2 points

Detention = 1 point

If a student reaches 20 points, s/he will not be permitted to participate in the trip to Holiday Hill. If a student reaches 25 points, s/he will be unable to attend the eighth grade dance. If a student reaches 30 points, s/he will not be able to attend celebration. Final dates for the dance and celebration will be determined and sent out to families in the spring.

The HMS School Governance Council has established that no student may participate in the 8th grade dance or the trip to Holiday Hill if s/he has unexcused absences in excess of 10% of the child's school year at the time of the event. Absences from school may only be excused according to the guidelines established by the State Board of Education listed in the HMS student hand book.

In some cases involving the health, safety, or welfare of the students and staff, administration may determine attendance at these events regardless of points.

This system has been thoroughly explained to the students. With the reinforcement they will receive at home, it is our hope that we will continue to encourage positive behavior.

Respectfully,

Jessica S. Coffey
Assistant Principal