FRESHMAN TIPS

9TH GRADE MATTERS!!

- ★ Take your subjects seriously. Your GPA counts starting with your first semester.
  - Higher GPA = More opportunities (Work Based Learning, Advanced/Honors Courses, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment)
  - All final grades go on your permanent record.
  - ALL academic grades are used to calculate your HOPE GPA and for other scholarship opportunities.
- ★ Attend your classes daily and on time
  - When you must be out for an excused absence, turn in parent excuse notes and/or doctor's notes within 3 days (WGHS Handbook)!
- ★ You will have homework nightly.
  - Read, review, study
  - You have to know the material to do well on final exams and EOCs (End of Course Exams).
- ★ Keep up with your class progress, check Infinite Campus consistently
  - Pro-Tip - don't just look at the "overall grade", look at the individual assignments to check for missing assignments!
- ★ Know your graduation requirements (WGHS Grad Requirements).
  - Advancing to the next grade and athletic eligibility hinge on academic success.
  - You must have 6 credits to advance to a sophomore
- ★ Get involved with sports, clubs, and other opportunities. School is more fun when you are involved. WGHS Clubs ; WGHS Athletics
- ★ Speak up for yourself. Ask your teachers if you don't understand something. Contact your teachers with concerns immediately!
- ★ Communicate with the adults in your life.
  - Keep your parents/guardians up to speed on what you're doing. They can't help if they don't know you need it.
- ★ Respect your parents, teachers, and your peers.
- ★ Own your mistakes and learn from them.
- ★ Pay attention to who you spend your time with.
  - "Show me your friends and I'll show you your future."