



# Springs Studio

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## October High School Newsletter

### October 2, 2017

We hope you are as excited about fall as we are! The leaves, sweaters and yummy hot drinks are like a big hug! Fall is also a super busy time. Seniors are gearing up for college applications and future planning, students are getting involved in concurrent enrollment and everyone is working hard to finish up this first trimester.

We hope you are experiencing success in school, but if you are struggling now is the time to speak up to your teachers. Come and see a counselor if you need help with this.

If you are behind, October break is a huge gift! Use these two weeks to catch up. Our hope is that everyone has Cs and better when we get to the end of this term!

During October break Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Pukansky will be available for 1 hour each day if you need help with resets in the curriculum. Email them **both** and one will get your email during the designated hour they work. [tcunningham@d49.org](mailto:tcunningham@d49.org) and [kpukansky@d49.org](mailto:kpukansky@d49.org)

Thanks so much for being the greatest kids and parents anywhere! We love working with each of you and hope you will continue to reach out the counseling department if we can do anything to support you!

Amanda Pethtel and Molly Bevan

## Important Dates

October 1		FAFSA.org Opens
October 2	All Day	October Count Day
October 3-9		October Count Post Window
October 3	5:30pm	Senior Parent Meeting with Herff Jones
October 3	6-7:30pm	High School Parent Community Night
October 5		UCCS Pre-Collegiate Application Due to Mrs. Pethtel
October 6		All Concurrent Enrollment Advising Appointments should be completed by this date
October 10-19		Fall Break
October 23		Harvest of Love Starts
October 26		College Shirt Day
November 3	7:30-10:30pm	Fall Dance
November 10		End of Trimester 1

### October Count

We have been in the midst of October count which is extremely important in the funding of SSAE. **TODAY** your student must submit a test or quiz. Teachers are working tirelessly to contact kids who have not yet submitted. In the post count window (October 3-9) students also need to submit at least one test or quiz in each class. Thank you so much for your help with this!

<p><b>Concurrent Enrollment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All advising appointments with Mrs. Pethtel should happen before October 6th. She has sent emails, if you have scheduled do so ASAP.</li> <li>• UCCS Pre-Collegiate application due to Mrs. Pethtel by October 5th</li> </ul>	<p><b>Seniors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Checklist is coming to your email soon, this is just a helpful guide if you'd like to use it</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.danielsfund.org">www.danielsfund.org</a> is an amazing scholarship opportunity for seniors who qualify. Please check out the website to see if this is you.</li> <li>• <a href="http://Fafsa.ed.gov">Fafsa.ed.gov</a> is now open, this is important for need based money for college, but is also required for many scholarships. You'll fill it out using your family's 2016 tax information.</li> <li>• Remember T1 is ending soon and many of you need your credit to graduate. Make sure you're passing all your classes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Freshmen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We finally have more clarity regarding graduation. You will need to obtain credits and show mastery. You can show mastery through the SAT, assessments in your classes or potentially through a project.</li> <li>• You will need to shoot for Cs and better in all of your classes. With T1 ending soon make sure you have Cs or better to ensure you are working toward graduation.</li> <li>• Counselors will meet with freshmen in November to clarify and answer questions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>October's Highlighted Resources</b></p> <p> <a href="http://danielsfund.org">danielsfund.org</a>  <a href="http://fafsa.ed.gov">fafsa.ed.gov</a>  <a href="http://princetonreview.com/college-search">princetonreview.com/college-search</a>  <a href="http://collegenet.com">collegenet.com</a>  <a href="http://scholarships.com">scholarships.com</a> </p> <p>TRUST BUT VERIFY! - Parents if you have a student who is struggling now is the time to "trust but verify". Great that they say they got that assignment done, ask them to log in and show you in the gradebook. We would love all high school students to be self-sufficient, but we know many need extrinsic motivation. If you aren't sure, please reach out or even better encourage your student to reach out to their teachers. Students should be doing a minimum of 1 hour per day per class. If their grades don't reflect success, a good first step is to make sure they are actually spending the time they need in the curriculum.</p>
<p><b>Sophomores and Juniors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working toward graduation is your most important task right now.</li> <li>• If you happen to fail a class in trimester 1 see a counselor to get enrolled in credit recovery and stay on track for graduation!</li> </ul>	

