**9th Grade Student/Parent Tips for Success at ACHS**

* **When your 9th grader leaves the house each morning, please make sure they:**
  + **Are wearing clothing that is in compliance with the ACHS dress code**
  + **Eat a good breakfast (or enough time to get the free school breakfast)**
  + **Are prepared for each class (I encourage a daily back pack check for binders, assignments, writing utensils, calculator, lap top/tablet etc.)**
* **Personal lap top computers are a necessity for success at ACHS. If you have not yet purchased one, teachers suggest you purchase a Google Chromebook. Chromebooks are available starting at $250. If you are concerned about the affordability of a computer, there are rental options available. Families eligible for free/reduced lunch can rent a netbook for $5.00/month.**
  + **Please note that a letter of eligibility for the free/reduced lunch program is required for this option. Free/Reduced lunch applications are available in the front office**
* **Ensure your student gets to class on time! After 35 minutes he/she will be counted as ABSENT, regardless of how long the class meets that day.**
* **If your student has to be absent, you will have 5 DAYS to clear the absence before it turns into a truancy. (Attendance hotline # available on website.)**
* **CHECK ECHO! Even if your child says he/she does not have any homework, it is ALWAYS a good idea to check the ECHO Portal DAILY. There you can also access all teacher email addresses if there is a concern. Please see Grace Estrada in the front office if you need help with your log in information.**
* **Communicate with your son’s/daughter’s teachers as soon as you have any questions or concerns—emailing teachers directly is the fastest way to get your questions answered!**
* **Encourage your 9th grader to ASK FOR HELP when he/she needs it. Students tend to wait until it is too late to address a problem that could have easily been resolved.**
* **After School Student Tutoring (Wolf Support) available starting this fall. Days and Times TBD (Announcement will be made in class and on ECHO, so keep checking back!)**
* **Encourage your student to surround his/herself with people/friends who WANT him/her to succeed.**
* **Encourage your 9th grader to use out of school time wisely. Weekends are a great time for your son/daughter to complete his/her 10 hours/yr community service requirement.**
* **Get Involved. The more you are involved the better informed you are about important school events, dates and meetings.**
* **Encourage your student to get involved in an extracurricular activity(ies) such as:**
  + **Sports Teams**
  + **Clubs (Club Day coming soon!)**
  + **Volunteering**