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Dear Freshman and Sophomore Parents/Guardians:

As the leaves begin to change color and a chill is in the air, we know fall is truly upon us. This is a good time for us to reflect upon the first quarter, as it comes to a close, and examine how we can continually improve. Students should be going to extra help on a consistent basis, participating in lessons, asking questions and studying each night. These simple practices will lead students through a successful high school career and offer opportunities far beyond.

Now is also the time, as students are in full swing and are aware of the expectations that the high school has, to think about and formulate a plan or simply jump directly in to the **ten hour Board of Education approved community service/service learning graduation requirement**. As stated during various events, such as Freshman Orientation, the ninth and tenth grade class assemblies at the start of the year, Open School Night and during initial meetings with guidance counselors; this ten-hour service requirement is to be completed every year for the four years of high school. Some opportunities have been posted on our school website while others can, and should, be based on interest and current involvement. Students doing service through their clubs and outside organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, etc.) can count those hours toward the school requirement. Service learning activities are generated through the classroom and are a part of the curriculum in some academic areas. Hours can be verified from the organization itself or by filling out the verification form. This form is available in the main office and in the guidance office. Also, if you prefer, you can download the form directly from the website www.whbschools.org. First, select the high school by clicking on the high school picture to view the high school home page. Then you will see a section on the center of the page entitled, "Announcements." There is a scroll bar in the center of the page to bring you to the "**Community Service Verification Form**."

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact myself or your child's guidance counselor.

Enjoy the fall and have a great Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Christopher Herr, Principal

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cc: Mr. Michael R. Radday, Superintendent

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