



Amherst Middle School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are excited to announce our new Academic/Attendance/Behavior Incentive that we will be implementing this year. The name of the incentive is Cougar Quest. The goal of this year long incentive is to motivate and encourage the students to perform their best in these three areas. Each 9-Weeks the students will have the chance to earn tickets for the three areas. We will maintain each student's number of tickets earned in a spreadsheet format. The last time to earn tickets will be 4/24/18(4th 9-weeks interim). At the end of the year the students will then take the tickets that they earned and try to win the purchased/donated prizes in a Chinese Auction.

So far we have had some great prizes donated for the prize pool! We have 3 oversized beanbag chairs, an arcade style basketball game, SOL Republic headphones, gift certificates to area restaurants, Wintergreen Resort passes, rock climbing passes, and more! We will be working throughout the year to enlarge the prize pool with some really cool items for the students to win.

The following is a list of the three areas and the tiered levels that the students can achieve to earn the set amount of tickets each 9-Weeks. This will reset each 9-Weeks and they will start fresh to try and earn the tickets in each category.

Ticket Tiers

Academics (based on overall GPA for the Nine Weeks)

- Tier 1: 4.0 10 tickets
- Tier 2: 3.5 - 3.999 8 tickets
- Tier 3: 3.0 - 3.499 5 tickets
- Tier 4: 2.5 - 2.999 3 tickets

Attendance (absences based on Nine Weeks - both excused and unexcused)

- Tier 1: Perfect Attendance 10 tickets
- Tier 2: 1 Absence 8 tickets
- Tier 3: 2 Absences 5 tickets
- Tier 4: 3-4 Absences 3 tickets

Behavior (based on Nine Weeks)

- Tier 1: No Referrals 15 tickets
- No other Tiers will be awarded in this category

NOTE: 3 separate incidents of OSS will be an automatic disqualification from the incentive program.

If you have any questions about the incentive or you would like to donate or help get donations for our prize pool, please contact Mr. Giles at 434-946-0691 or email him at mgiles@amherst.k12.va.us.

Sincerely,

Matt Giles
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