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Dear Parents,

It seems unbelievable to me, but half of the school year is over and soon we will be registering students and planning for the 2010-2011 school year. At this time I need to provide you with some important information as the school year ends the first semester.

First of all, just a reminder to please use the parent access system to check your students grades from home. The information to do this was provided to you at the beginning of the year. This is a web based system. I think you will find it very useful in monitoring your student's progress. For those of you who do not have home computers, you will be able to still access your child's grades from the local libraries. If you are having trouble with the system, please contact the guidance office.

Second, the Ohio Graduation Test will be given very soon to all sophomores and those upper classman who have not passed the exam. This high-stakes test implemented as a result of the "No Child Left Behind" legislation will have an impact on our students and their ability to receive a diploma. Just like last year, in order to give our students the best testing environment possible, we will be running a two-hour delay schedule for the **High School only during the week of March 15th through March 19th**. All sophomores and juniors/seniors that need to take the test will report as usual. Students who drive will not have to report to school until 9:45 each day. Students who ride the bus will report to school as usual; however, they will have a study hall (academic intervention) until 9:45. Once again our goal is to give our students the best testing environment possible in order to succeed.

Finally, the Guidance Department at Ontario High School has started the scheduling process for the 2010/2011 school year. Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will be meeting with their counselor at the beginning of second semester. Mrs. McCormick and Mr. Strine will meet with students in grade 8 individually; a parent meeting has been scheduled for 8th graders and their parents on Tuesday February 16th, in the Middle School commons area at 6:30 p.m. As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jim Klenk