Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020 To: GHS Students and Families

From: End of Semester 1 Academic Interventions

As you may have read in the GHS Weekly emailed yesterday, we are continuously evaluating the current Learning Plan, including possible adjustments along the way. While we believe that the current 5-day Synchronous Learning Plan has a number of positives, many students have struggled with the academic challenges presented in this first semester. Acknowledging these difficult learning conditions, we are providing students with some academic relief aimed at the semester grades:

- We implemented a new late work policy, as outlined in the current <u>Learning Plan</u>.
- We will offer a **Pass/Fail option** for the transcripted first semester grades. More information on this will come out at the end of the semester.
- We will provide equal, instant relief (and the resultant hope) by **changing the grading** scale for all students, for the remainder of the first semester.
 - o A 90-100; A- 88-89
 - o B+ 86-87; B 78-85; B- 76-77
 - o C+ 74-75; C 66-73; C- 64-65
 - o D+ 62-63; D 54-61; D- 52-53

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: We will be <u>turning OFF PowerSchool access</u> to parents and students from Monday 6AM until Tuesday 7AM, which is necessary to give teachers time to manipulate their gradebook set-ups to launch the new grading scale. Thank you for your understanding of this brief interruption in communication as we make these changes for our students.

Our best hope is that students will take advantage of these opportunities and earn higher grades, achieve their needed credits towards graduation, and gain additional content knowledge that will help them to recover their confidence and stamina heading into the second semester of learning.



Do you need some last minute holiday gifts? Do your kids need some Panther Pride?

Sweatshirts - T-Shirts - Hats - Caps - Insulated Mugs - Yard Signs & more...

Our school store, The Panther Den, will provide you and our students with an opportunity to purchase some Greendale Panther gifts on:

Monday and Tuesday, December 21st and 22nd

3:00-5:00 pm

Please put this on your calendar. Cash or checks only please. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Andy Muszytowski at andrew.muszytowski@greendaleschools.org.