

February Newsletter

Important Dates:

Friday, January 29th – First Semester Ends

Friday, February 10th – Report Cards Distributed

Thursday, February 11th – Full day for students. Parent-Teacher conferences are from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Please call Ms. Gouldin at 804-769-2708 ext. 607 to set up conferences. This is an excellent time to discuss concerns about your child's educational progress.

Monday, February 15th – Priority Make-up Day

Scheduling for next year will begin late February. Counselors will be visiting classrooms to distribute course offering lists and discuss scheduling for next year. The course offering list will need to be taken home in order for the parent/guardian and the student to circle desired courses together. It is a good idea for students to make a note of additional choices in case they are unable to get into certain classes. It is very important the student and the parent sign it and bring it back to the counseling offices. We do our best to give each student the classes he or she desires, but nothing is guaranteed.

In the spring of 2009, King William High School and Hamilton-Holmes Middle School were awarded the Content Literacy Continuum (CLC) Grant by the Virginia Department of Education. The Strategic Instruction Model® (SIM) Content Literacy Continuum® (CLC) focuses on helping secondary schools develop and sustain comprehensive and integrated literacy programs. SIM consists of a variety of research-based interventions that focus on helping teachers think about, adapt, and present critical content in a “learner-friendly” manner.

Central Office staff members and high school and middle school teachers are currently involved in CLC exploring activities. Over the last eight months, the teams have developed community principles and learning rituals, completed a needs analysis and self-assessment tool, visited demonstration sites in Hanover County, developed a communication plan, and participated in and facilitated in-depth data discussions.

Teams will be in the exploring phase through the Spring of 2010. The planning phase will follow the exploring phase.