

# ***EFFECTIVE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES***

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## ***ROSEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL***

### **Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Thursday, October 22, 2009

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 23, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are one of the best means to foster the “Home-School Partnership”. Research supports the importance of parents and schools working together to encourage student success. It makes good sense that parents become an integral part of the parent/teacher team, resulting in a partnership with someone who has a mutual interest in the child’s success. Therefore, we strongly encourage you as parents to attend our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences represent an excellent opportunity for you to learn about your son or daughters academic progress in a caring, personal environment.

#### **Before the Conference**

- Review mid-term progress with your son/daughter (use SchoolView to access up-to-date progress information). Talk with your son/daughter about what is happening at school and any special concerns or problems.
- Be prepared to share specific concerns, interests, and skills that would affect your son/daughter’s progress at school.
- Prepare questions that you would like to ask your son/daughter’s teacher.
- It would be a good idea for both parents to attend the conference, if possible. Students are also encouraged to attend conferences.
- Bring along a positive attitude.

#### **During the Conference**

- Come to the conference prepared to discuss your son/daughter’s progress.
- Expect teachers to discuss your son/daughter’s progress in the class.
- Share background information that may help a teacher gain insight into your son/daughter’s uniqueness.
- Ask questions of the teacher. Some questions may include:
  - What are the expectations for students in this class?
  - How can I help my son/daughter reach these expectations?
  - How often do you assign homework? How can I help my son/daughter at home?
  - What assessment methods are used to track my son/daughter’s progress?
  - What help is available for my son/daughter?
  - How do I stay in touch with you?
- Set up a plan for improvement and/or follow up with the teacher.

#### **After the Conference**

- Spend time reviewing each teacher’s report.
- Help your son/daughter set realistic goals based on current performance and ability.
- Help your son/daughter establish a plan to address those goals and support them with this plan.
- Follow-through with any plans made with the teacher at the conference.