

## What is 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Team?

***Ninth Grade Team*** lays the foundation for a successful transition to High School  
TEAM = "**Together Everyone Achieves More**"

WE are ***Self-fulfilling and Rewarding:***

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month- receive a certificate, personal letter from the nominating teacher, and a prize.
- Most improved student selected by teacher for individual classes – student will receive a certificate and prize
- Post Card from team to students with straight A's
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Wall to honor student of the month, and most improved.

WE provide ***Accountability/Uniform policies:***

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade detention for behavior
  - Detentions are on Tuesday's from 2:10 – 3:10 (Room 213)
- Weekly success guide checks by department during 1<sup>st</sup> semester
- Hall pass layout in Success Guide – 2 hall passes per quarter
- Use success guide to have student write down their homework

WE are ***Cooperative and Informative:***

- 2 meetings per month for 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers after school
- Teachers remain in contact through e-mails and team minutes
- Focus on student achievement by discussing student academic concerns, A's and B's, behavior, and attendance / tardy issues
- Discuss Western's policies and procedures so all teachers "speak with one voice"
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter and updates on the school website
- Communicate student and team concerns with the administration
- Wolverine SOS (Skills of Success) Lessons taught in magnet classes to make students more successful

WE create ***Interventions:***

- Review all student grades at interims and at the end of each quarter
- Identify academic, behavioral, or social problems students may be having
- Review students with low grades at interim and at the end of the quarter
- Schedule a team conference with parents of students not meeting success within their respective classes and program area
- Provide coach classes for struggling students
- Provide review sessions prior to the High School Assessment for Government

We want our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to be ***Successful and Productive*** throughout their high school experience at Western Tech.

## 9th Grade Team Meeting Dates

If you teach 9<sup>th</sup> graders and would like to be part of team please attend our meetings or talk to Kim Bickerstaff. All meetings are held in Room 237 from 2:15 – 3:15.

SIT Meeting Dates	Other Meeting Dates
<b>Monday</b> September 25, 2017 October 23, 2017 November 27, 2017 December 18, 2017 January 29, 2018 February 26, 2018 March 19, 2018 April 23, 2018 May 21, 2018 (There is no SIT Team scheduled this day.)	<b>Wednesday</b> September 13, 2017 October 11, 2017 November 15, 2017 December 6, 2017 January 10, 2018 February 14, 2018 March 7, 2018 April 11, 2018 May 9, 2018

## Wolverine SOS (Skills of Success)

### August: Professionalism

- What is professionalism? How to be professional in classroom by following CPR<sup>2</sup>

### September: Organization

- Scavenger hunt of Success Guide; Organize notebooks

### October: Reading with a focus on purpose

- Students will close read the Wolverine Way

### November: Note taking

- Different Note taking options will be presented. Students will choose their favorite and practice

### December: Study Skills

- Tools-Techniques, Time management, resources, location/atmosphere

### January: Communication

- Socratic Seminar to create natural discussion, natural dialogue

### February: Goal Setting/GPA

- Why do we set goals? Why are the important? What is a goal?

### March: Review

- A students centered review of all strategies from the year