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Dear EBIS Families,

I would like to take a moment to remind all families that faculty are working diligently to assist students who are backlogged with assignments or still failing one or more subjects. In looking through the data from our first progress report period, of the students who were failing at least one course, **100%** were missing one or more assignments at the time the reports ran. This should be a relatively immediate fix for most students; especially considering that faculty are accepting late assignments at a much more flexible rate than under normal circumstances. Please also remind students that they should be using Wednesday's to work toward completing missing work.

Moreover, one of the issues we need to address with missing assignments/attendance are students who are chatting on Zoom when they should be focused on school work. Please be advised that, beginning Thursday, any student who accepts a request from a classmate to chat will be written up for violating the acceptable use policy of district owned technology. A second infraction will result in another write up AND loss of the iPad. Please tell you student(s) they should not ACCEPT any request to chat nor should they CREATE a chat. Our teachers have the right to check any iPad to be sure students are on task and using this technology, as has been agreed to, appropriately.

If we can recall, for a moment, the letter I sent out in August, I made a plea for us to give extra consideration to 4 C's this year: Commitment, Collaboration, Communication, and Cooperation. Please understand that these four words are the framework we need to build upon all year long - and certainly for however long we are under these learning conditions. I am asking for all students and families to truly be committed to academic responsibilities, that we truly collaborate on assisting our students in all of their needs, that our communication between all parties remains exceptionally high, and that we are amenable to cooperating with all requests and guidelines for academic engagement and, ultimately, overall achievement.

I pledge to continue to honor these 4 ideals in all I do this year, but it is super imperative for our students and families to do the same. Together we will meet each challenge we face and together we will overcome setbacks, but ***together is the only way we will!!***

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On a separate note, it is with great enthusiasm for me to announce a special Halloween Day Parade that our good friends will be hosting at the Wassaic Project. There are flyers going around school, but I wanted to be sure our remote students and families were also made aware of this information.

***When: Saturday, October 31, 2020***  
***Where: The Wassaic Project in the Hamlet of Wassaic***  
***Time: The parade will begin promptly at 5PM***

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns and, as always, GO WARRIORS!!  
Best,

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