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Dear CHS Parents,

We are half way through the school year. As we begin the 2nd Semester I ask that you consider the following. Many students let their grades drop during the 4th six weeks. Encourage your child to maintain or improve his or her grades. In addition to the extra assistance provided by the classroom teacher, we also provide after school tutoring and tutoring on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the CHS library. As always, parents are invited to come and observe.

If you have not enrolled in Family Access, please do so. Family Access allows parents online access to their student's grades, attendance, and cafeteria account. Computers in the public or high school libraries are available if you do not have Internet access at home. Stop by the front office for an application to this valuable resource.

The TAKS test is always a major event for our students. English Language Arts will be tested on 3 March. Math, Science and Social Studies will be tested from 28 April to 1 May. We want your child to be successful. We are providing special classes twice a week for students who have had difficulties on TAKS in the past. Encourage your child to spend time studying at home in preparation for the exam. If you have Science or Math concerns, have your child come to Saturday school. We can help reduce the stress. As an added incentive, CHS will be requesting a school day waiver from the Texas Education Agency. High school students who pass this year's TAKS and have a good attendance record may be eligible for as many as ten free days over the course of the next school year. There will be more details as our school calendar is developed for the 2009/2010 school year.

The spring semester is always an exciting time at CHS. Our UIL academic competitions begin as well as One Act Play, spring sports, the stock show, band and choir competitions. And our Renaissance Festival is in May. Encourage your child to get involved. It's a great time to be a Cuero Gobbler!

Sincerely,

Michael Cavanaugh