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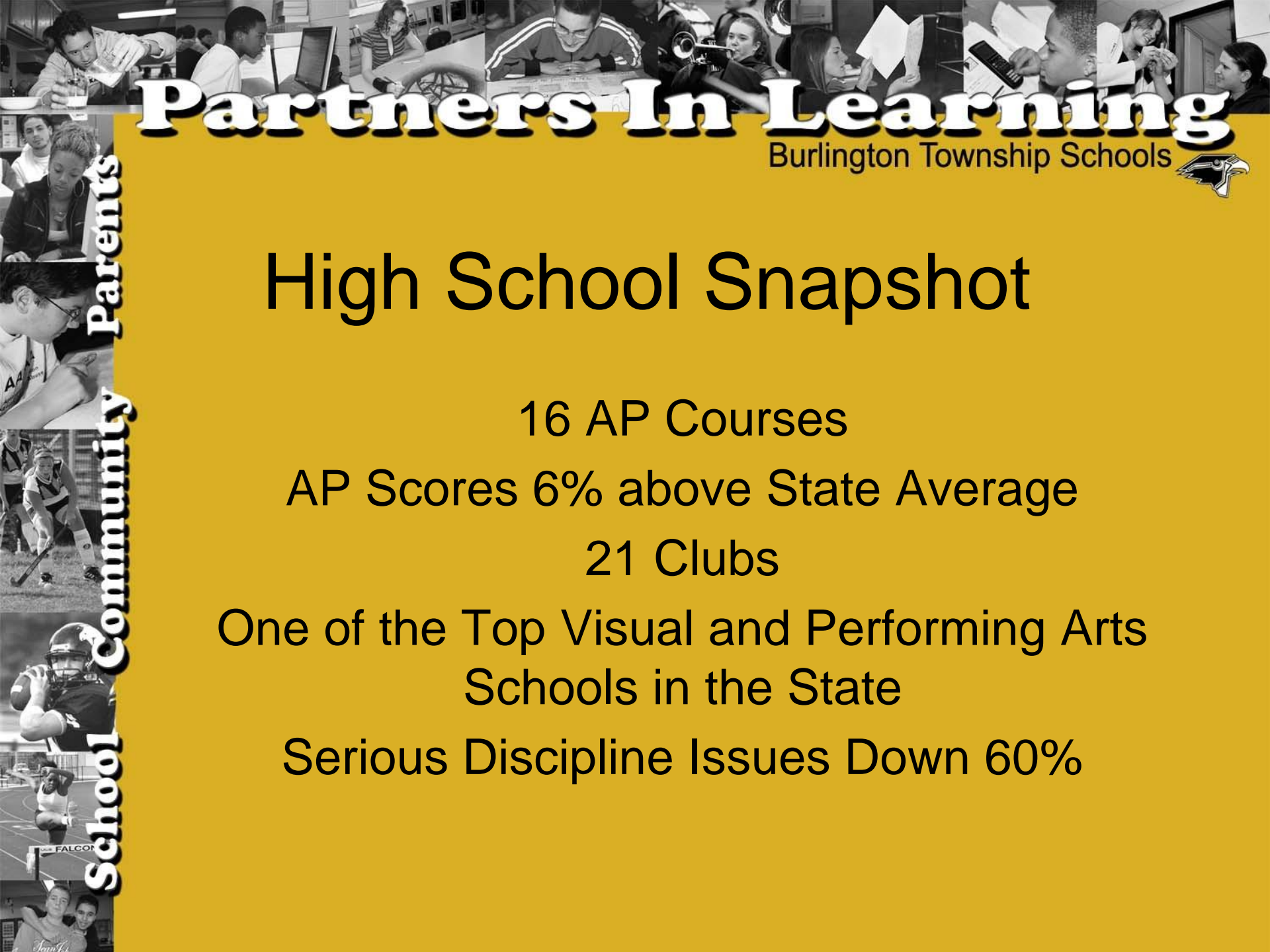


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WELCOME

Class of 2022 Freshman Orientation “New Beginnings”

September 4, 2018



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High School Snapshot

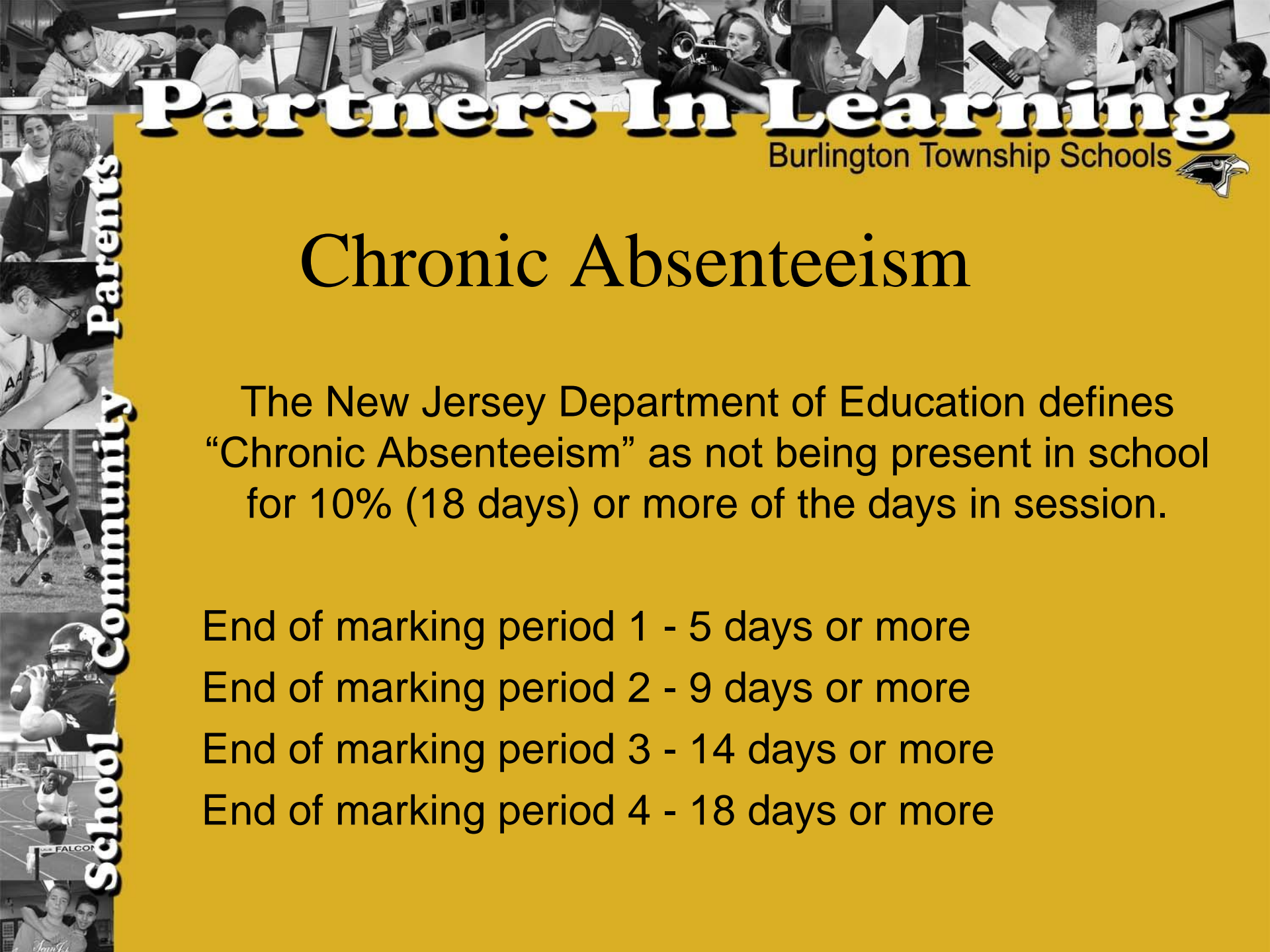
16 AP Courses

AP Scores 6% above State Average

21 Clubs

One of the Top Visual and Performing Arts
Schools in the State

Serious Discipline Issues Down 60%



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Chronic Absenteeism

The New Jersey Department of Education defines “Chronic Absenteeism” as not being present in school for 10% (18 days) or more of the days in session.

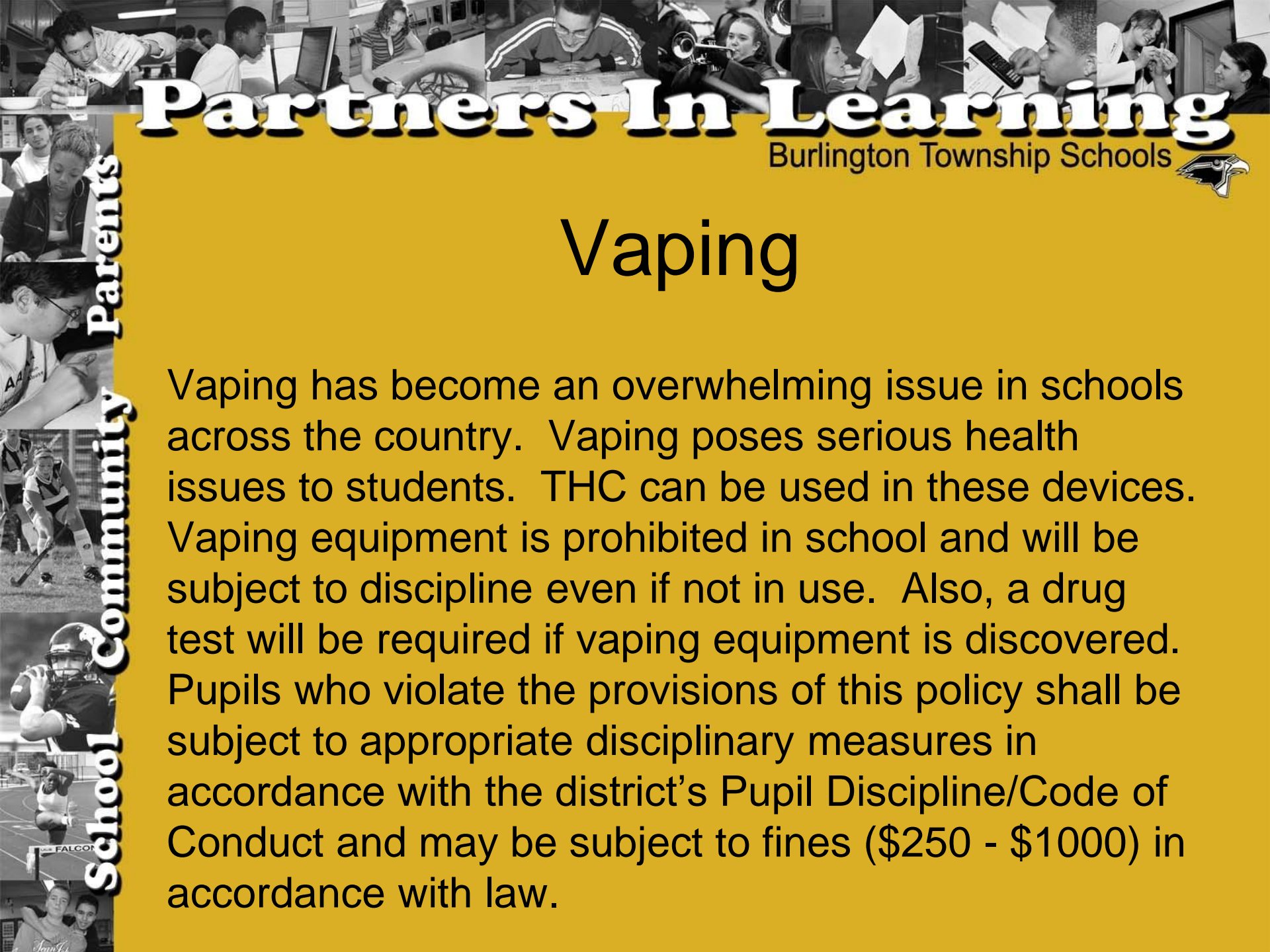
End of marking period 1 - 5 days or more

End of marking period 2 - 9 days or more

End of marking period 3 - 14 days or more

End of marking period 4 - 18 days or more

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Vaping

Vaping has become an overwhelming issue in schools across the country. Vaping poses serious health issues to students. THC can be used in these devices. Vaping equipment is prohibited in school and will be subject to discipline even if not in use. Also, a drug test will be required if vaping equipment is discovered. Pupils who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the district's Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct and may be subject to fines (\$250 - \$1000) in accordance with law.

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ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Physical Activity is the Law of Life.

Without it, any degree of health worthy of its name is impossible. Bernard McFadden, 1911

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Class of 2022

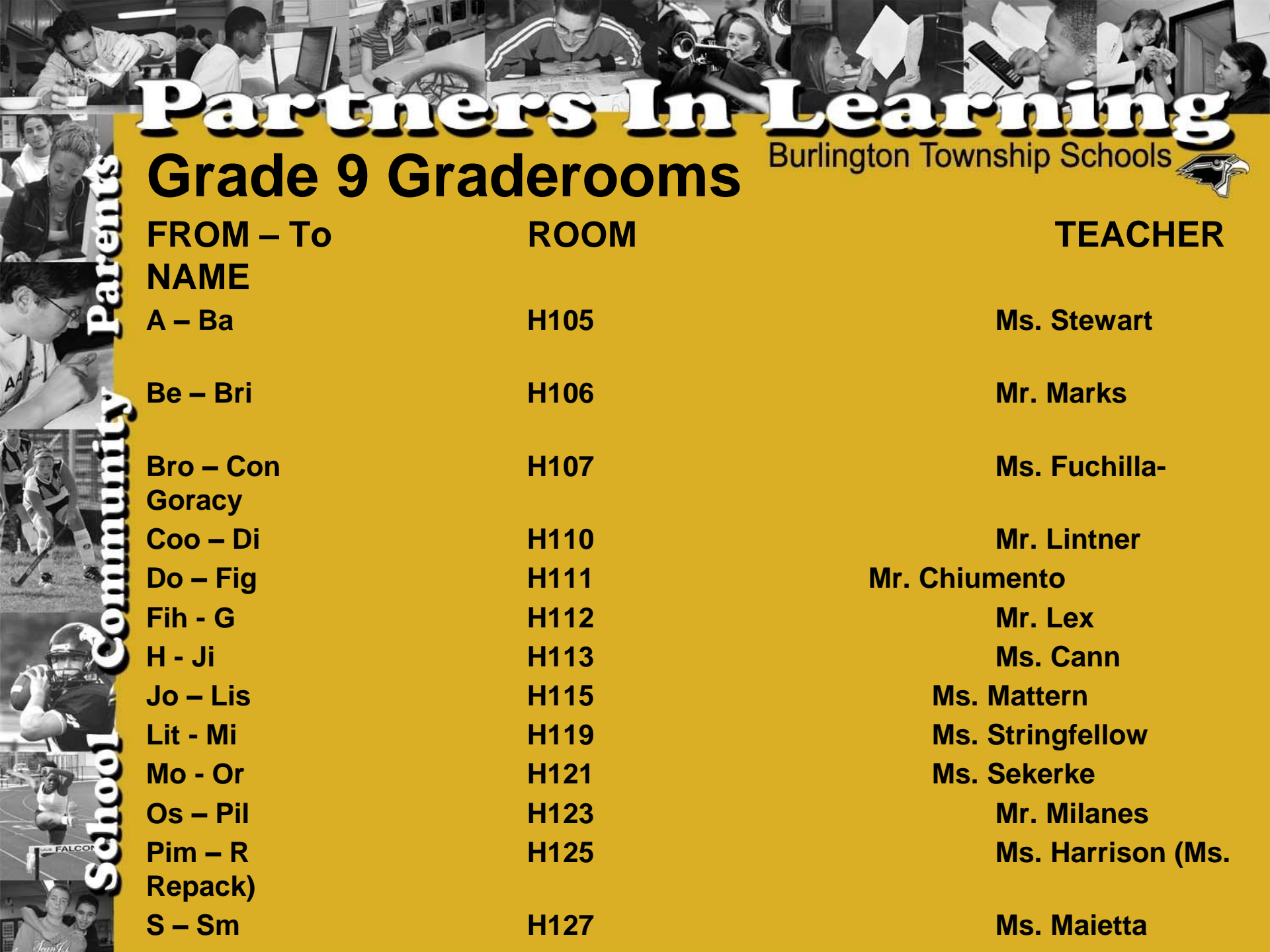
• Advisors:

- ☐ Mrs. Lewis
- ☐ Mrs. Winkler

• Officers:

- ☐ President - Laila Middleton
- ☐ Vice President – Myla Walker
- ☐ Secretary – Krystine Lawrence
- ☐ Treasurer – Nicole Sutera
- ☐ Historian – Meadow Monticello

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Grade 9 Graderooms

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Ms. Stewart

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Mr. Marks

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PowerSchool Parent Portal Report Cards

- Report cards are not sent home at the high school.
- To view your student's academic progress and end of marking period grades, you must utilize the PowerSchool Parent Portal web feature.
- You can use your student's existing Middle School PowerSchool Parent Portal account.



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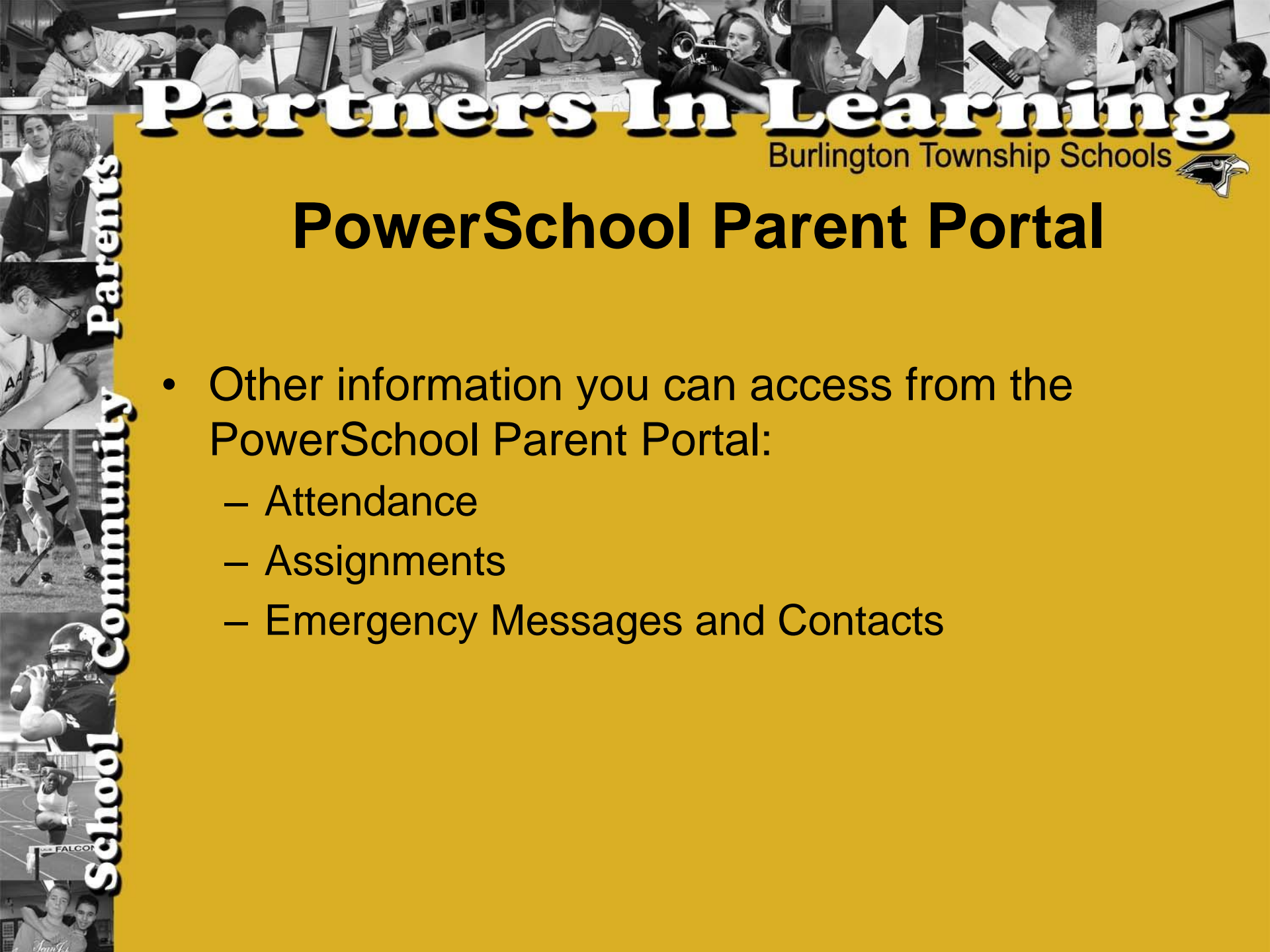
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PowerSchool Parent Portal Report Cards

- If you do not already have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you must do the following:
 - Go to the district's web-site
 - Click the PowerSchool Parent Portal link located in the green box
 - Select the High School Parent Portal Sign Up link
 - Complete the form
 - Click on the submit button

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PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Other information you can access from the PowerSchool Parent Portal:
 - Attendance
 - Assignments
 - Emergency Messages and Contacts

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Hot Issues & Behavioral Expectations

- Neal Canavan, HS VP
- [Hot Issues](#)



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Student Services

- Dr. Vecere, SAC
 - ❑ 609-387-1713, extension 1023
 - ❑ rvecere@burltwpsch.org



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Anti-bullying Law

- Requires that we assign a staff member to be our anti-bullying specialist:
 - Mrs. Heidi Roman – Hopkins building (Grade 9)
 - Mr. Troy Scott – Main building (Grades 10-12)
- The intent of the law is to be proactive to address bullying by encouraging students and on-lookers to report bullying activity when it first happens.
- All referrals of bullying will be investigated promptly.
- Consequences and rehabilitative measures and counseling will be determined as a follow-up to the investigations.
- Training for teachers and informational sessions and activities for students will be provided throughout the school year.
- More information will be forthcoming.

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HSFA

- Mrs. Williams, HSFA President
 - ❑ Website link: <http://www.burltwpfoundation.org/>
 - ❑ Email: hsfa@burltwpfoundation.org



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Frequently Asked Questions 9th Grade

- We have compiled a list of the questions (and their answers) we get asked most often.



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FAQ #1

➤ What is advisory period?

Advisory period is similar to study hall where you will have an assigned room. Typically freshmen students will have their lunch and advisory during blocks 5 and 6. This is an excellent opportunity to study, read, work on homework and any other work needed. The teachers will share their policies and procedures for your advisory. There are days when you will be expected to read silently or participate in other programs for a given period of time.

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FAQ #2

➤ What is National Honor Society?

The selection criteria is based on the following:

- 4.0 GPA out of a 5.0 weighted GPA
- Performing Community Service
- Holding Leadership Positions
- Having Strong Character

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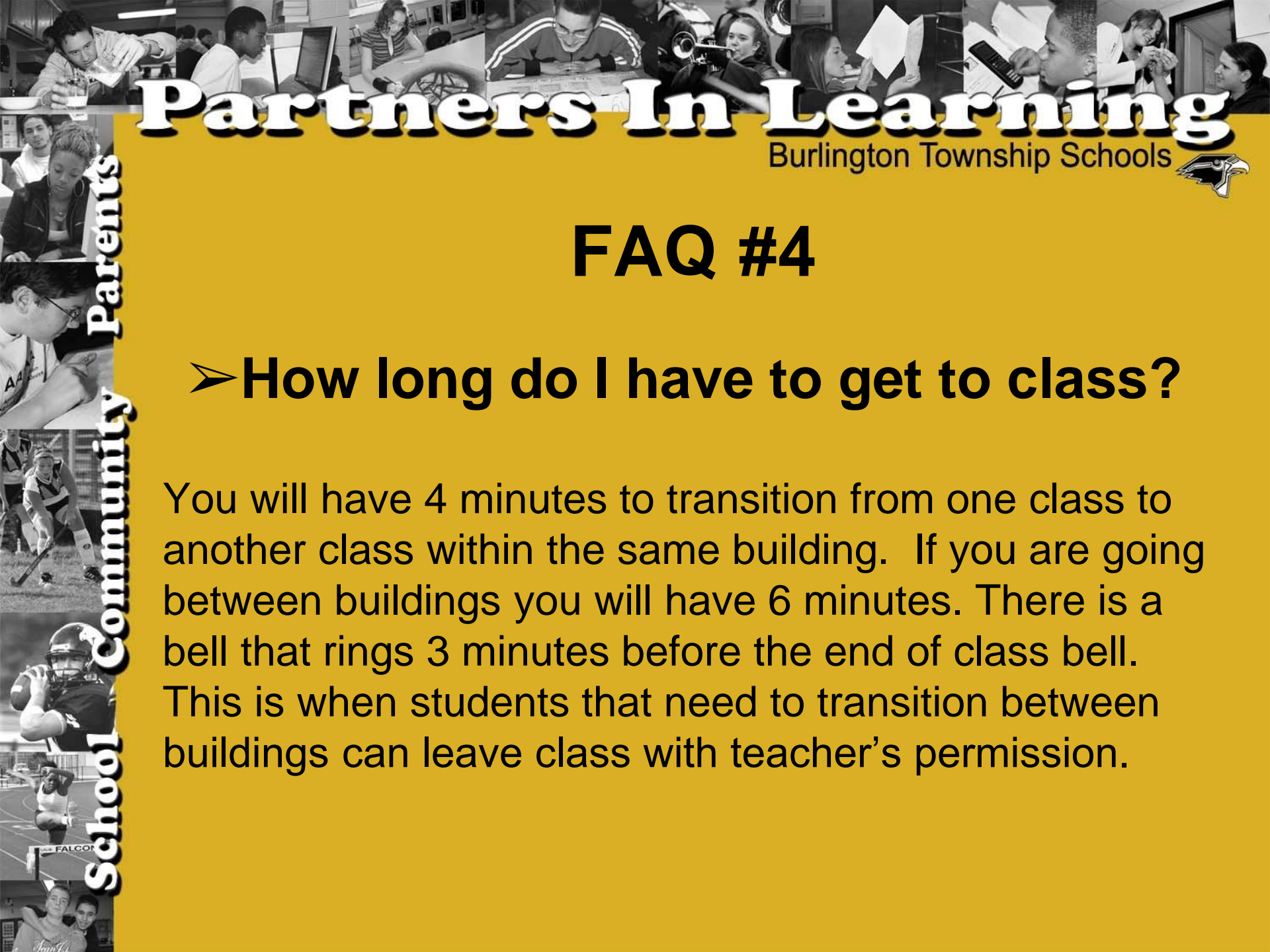


FAQ #3

➤ Will I have classes with upperclassmen?

If you have a class in the main building there will likely be mixed grade levels in your class. There may be some classes in Hopkins where upperclassmen are a part of the class as well. Most freshmen will be primarily in classes with all 9th graders.

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FAQ #4

➤ How long do I have to get to class?

You will have 4 minutes to transition from one class to another class within the same building. If you are going between buildings you will have 6 minutes. There is a bell that rings 3 minutes before the end of class bell. This is when students that need to transition between buildings can leave class with teacher's permission.

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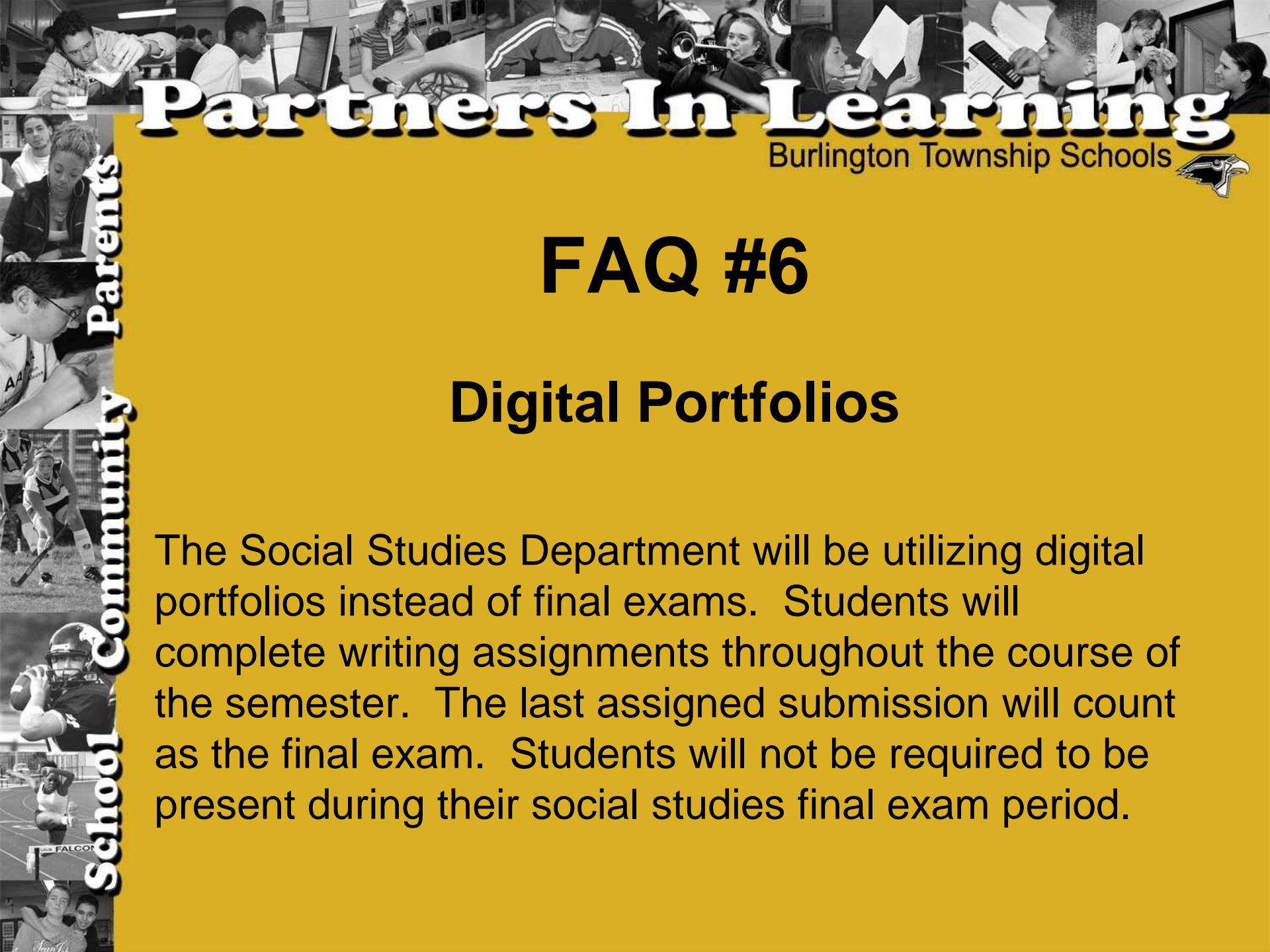


FAQ #5

➤ When do students take Final Exams?

- Students are expected to take their final exams when they are scheduled with their class. Students who have an unexcused absence on the day of the final will be permitted to take it during the next school day with the highest grade possible being an 80. Students will receive a 0 if the test is not made up after 1 day of unexcused absences.

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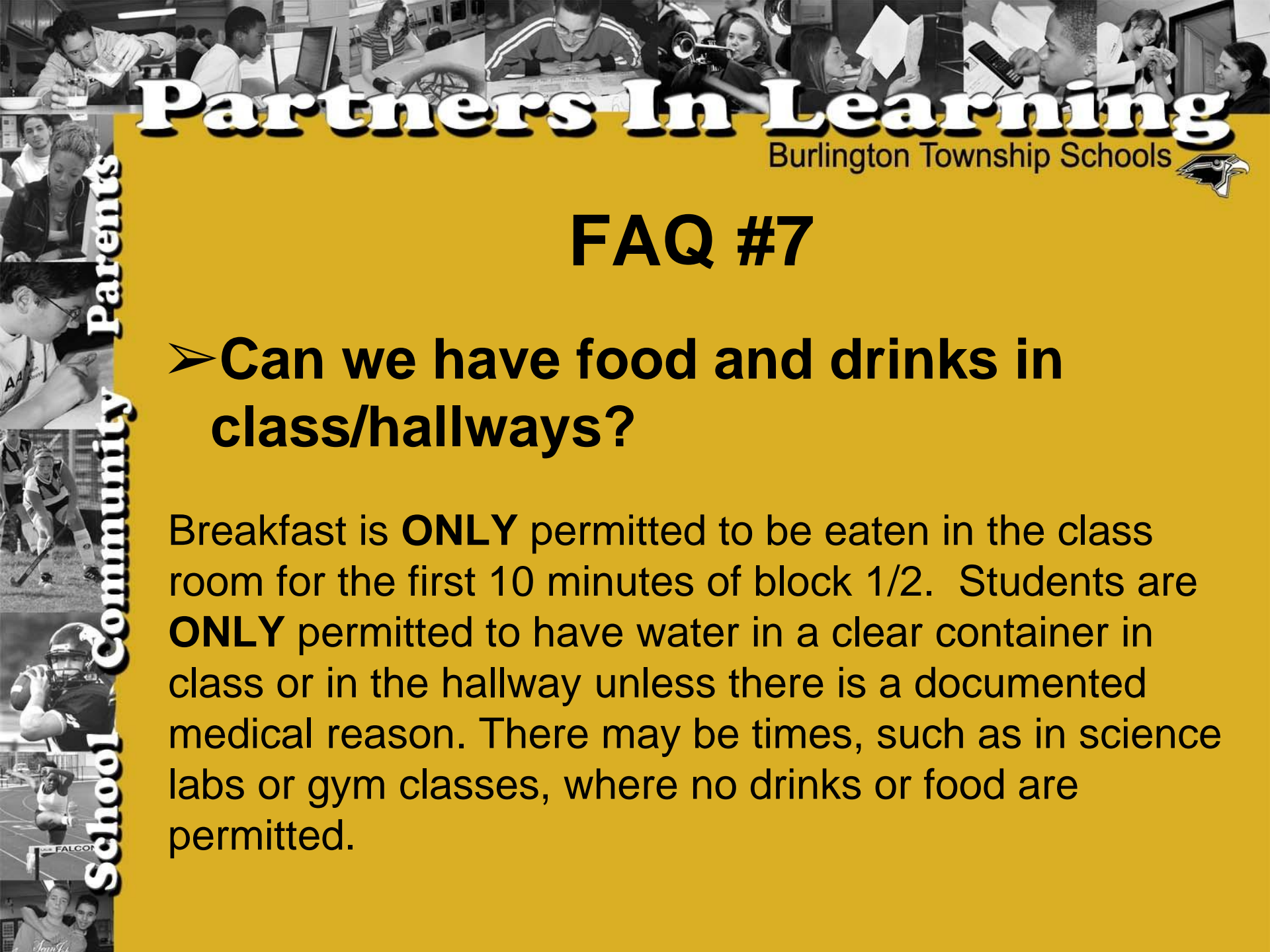


FAQ #6

Digital Portfolios

The Social Studies Department will be utilizing digital portfolios instead of final exams. Students will complete writing assignments throughout the course of the semester. The last assigned submission will count as the final exam. Students will not be required to be present during their social studies final exam period.

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FAQ #7

➤ Can we have food and drinks in class/hallways?

Breakfast is **ONLY** permitted to be eaten in the class room for the first 10 minutes of block 1/2. Students are **ONLY** permitted to have water in a clear container in class or in the hallway unless there is a documented medical reason. There may be times, such as in science labs or gym classes, where no drinks or food are permitted.

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FAQ #8

- **Where can I find the student handbook and school policies?**

The student handbook is located on the high school's web-page and all of the school's policies are housed on the district's web-page.

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FAQ #9

➤ What is the expectation for cell phones?

Students may keep such items on their person. They may not be turned on or in use in the classrooms (unless utilized as part of instruction). I-pods and cell phones are only permitted in the hallways, cafeteria, and in advisory period at the teacher's discretion. At no time can cell phones be used to make phone calls, take pictures, or to send text messages. Violent video games are not appropriate for the school environment and will be subject to discipline. Improper use of these items will result in the item being confiscated. Please refrain from calling or texting your child during the school day. In addition, students are not permitted to charge their electronic devices in class.

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FAQ #10

➤ **Do family vacation days or notes from parents count as an excused absence?**

Family vacation days and notes from parents **are not** considered excused. Listed below are absences that are considered excused:

- ☐ Bring your Child to Work day
- ☐ Religious Holiday
- ☐ Doctor's Note
- ☐ Legal Matter with Court Documentation
- ☐ College Visit with Documentation from School
- ☐ Death in the Family

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FAQ #11

➤ How many unexcused absences are allotted to students?

Students are permitted 6 unexcused absences from a semester course, 3 from a quarter course, and 12 from a full year course without penalty.

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FAQ #12

➤ Can excessive unexcused absences affect the student's grade?

Yes. For each unexcused absence in a course beyond the allotted days, students will lose credit for any assessments conducted that day. The student is responsible for any information that was missed on these days, even though credit will not be awarded. Future assignments and assessments may require the student's knowledge of this material.

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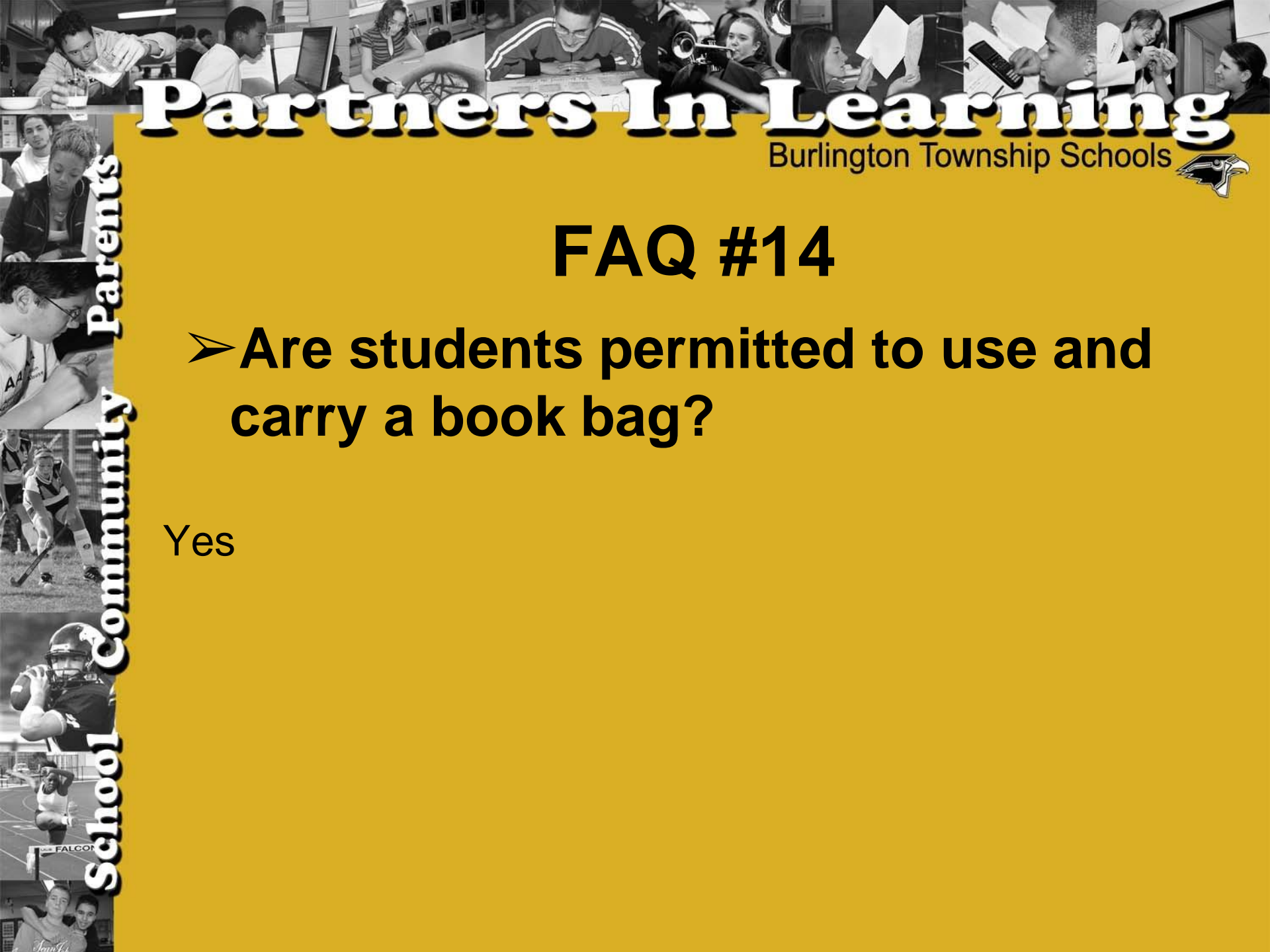


FAQ #13

➤ Where do I drop off or pick up my student from school?

Drop-off/Pick-up for ALL high school students will ONLY be permitted in the Main Building Loop. Please pull all the way up and pull over to the curb before allowing your student to exit the vehicle. Students who are dropped off after 7:20 should report to the building where their class is located. It is strongly recommended that you have your child utilize school busing if eligible or leave ample time in the morning for drop-off due to heavy traffic. Please do not drop your student off before 7:05 AM.

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FAQ #14

- Are students permitted to use and carry a book bag?

Yes

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FAQ #15

➤ What is the Late Policy and Procedure & Where do I sign in when arriving late to school?

- Any student not in his/her block one class by the start of the school day or who arrives to school after the start of the school day is late and must receive a late pass from one of the main offices before going to class.
- Students whose first block class is in the main building should sign in at the vestibule to receive a late pass.
- Students whose first block class is in the Hopkins building should sign in at the Hopkins main office to receive a late pass.
- Discipline points and consequences are assigned for students arriving late to school.

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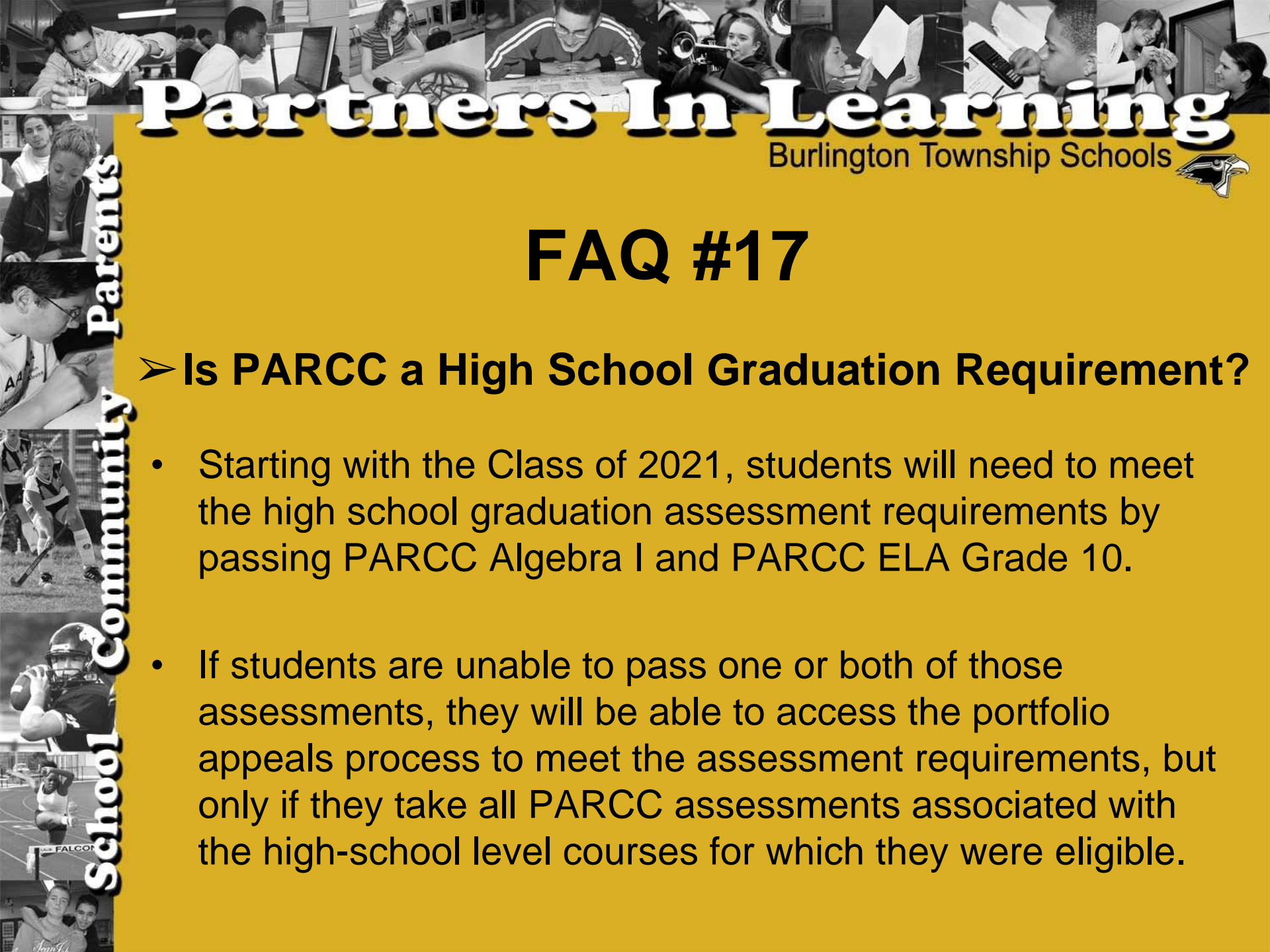


FAQ #16

➤ **What is the credit requirement to graduate & What happens if my student fails a class?**

- 140 credits are required to graduate
- You have to pass ALL of your required classes to graduate
- Student may have to retake the course he/she fails
- Student needs 30 credits to be promoted to 10th grade
- Student may not be eligible for afterschool activities including sports
- May impact student's graduation status
- Credit recovery is now an online program and costs you money
- Student's schedule can only be changed within the first **10** days of the class.

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FAQ #17

➤ Is PARCC a High School Graduation Requirement?

- Starting with the Class of 2021, students will need to meet the high school graduation assessment requirements by passing PARCC Algebra I and PARCC ELA Grade 10.
- If students are unable to pass one or both of those assessments, they will be able to access the portfolio appeals process to meet the assessment requirements, but only if they take all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible.



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FAQ #18

➤ What is the Student in Good Standing Program?

- Students who accumulate excessive discipline or lates to school as well as not turning in required forms or fulfilling obligations will not be eligible to participate in or attend after-school activities including sports.
- Please see student handbook for more information.

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FAQ #19

➤ What are Discipline Points?

- Discipline Infractions are assigned a point value (Please see Discipline Grid in handbook posted on HS webpage).
- 20 points and above, you are no longer in good standing.
- Cannot participate in or attend any school events, including any sports or activities, clubs, prom, graduation, senior trip, or stay after school.
- Points do not start over in the 2nd semester.

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FAQ #20

➤ How can I reduce discipline points?

- To reduce the number of discipline points you accumulate, you can perform community service.
- Community Service **MUST** be approved by an administrator **BEFORE** you do it to receive credit.
- 1 hour of service = 1 point reduction (The most amount of points that can be erased by completing community service is 51)

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FAQ #21

➤ **Do you have to make up Gym Class when you miss it?**

Yes. You must make up gym class when you are absent. Gym classes counts towards a student's GPA just like every other class you take in high school. Gym makeups are completed during period 5 and not after school.

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Thank You For Attending Our Program Tonight!

**Hopkins 9th Grade "Meet and Greet" on Thursday,
September 13, prior to the High School's Back to
School Night in the Hopkins Cafeteria at 6:00PM.**