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Hello Families,

As we are now into our Fall semester, the school has begun looking at our students' attendance for each class. When students begin taking courses for high school credit, seat time does come into play on whether the class is passed or failed. Those enrolled in high school credit courses (9th graders) must not exceed more than 5 unexcused absences per class per semester. Classes missed with medical excuses do not count when looking at these 5 absences. These are only days that have NO excuse at all. This means that if, at this point, your student has missed over 5 days in these courses, that they must make up the time missed or they WILL NOT gain credit for the course whether academically they passed or not. Here are some things to note when it comes to making up the seat time for these classes:

1. The maximum number of days to be recovered is 6.
2. In order to be eligible, the student has over 5 unexcused absences, but fewer than 11 and is passing the class.
3. Tuition will be charged at a rate of \$10 per class period to make up. This will be due before or at the beginning of the makeup session. Payments will be made in the school store. NO refunds will be given if a student fails to show up or is late for a makeup session.
4. 1 Class Period = 90 minutes.
5. Students are expected to complete class assignments, reading, or EOC preparation activities during the make-up sessions.
6. Once the days have been made up under the conditions listed above, credit will be given for the class.

As we want to make sure these unexcused absences are covered, the following dates will be available for attendance recovery after school at Riverwalk:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning on Monday, October 31st and ending on Thursday, December 15th. These sessions will not be offered during breaks and holidays so please be familiar with our school calendar on our website.

If you have any questions about attendance recovery, please contact Ms. Menges, Middle/High School Counselor ([cmenges@riverwalkacademy.com](mailto:cmenges@riverwalkacademy.com)). Questions about attendance should be directed to Ms. Robinson ([krobinson@riverwalkacademy.com](mailto:krobinson@riverwalkacademy.com)). Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dempsey,  
Middle/High School Principal