

Date: Oct. 11, 2017 Grade Level: 9-12th	GHS Seminar
Recommended Sequence	Seminar Meeting
Objective(s) / Learning Target(s):	Activities will help students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop reasons for why students fail classes and what they can do to pass their courses • Reflect upon their own grades and predict what their teachers may say about their performance during Parent/Teacher Conferences
Materials Needed:	Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCD Projector/Laptop
Suggested Process:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain to students why we do 3 week, Midterm, and 9 week grade checks (Reason: to track student progress and to figure out what we can be doing to help students be successful in their classes). 2. After you have done this, explain to students (if they don't know how – and some don't), how to check their grades on Infinite Campus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Go to: https://grinnell-k12.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/grinnell.jsp?status=portalLogoff&lang=en b. Log in with username: (5 digit lunch number) c. Password is first initial, last initial and date of birth (Ted Smith, born on March 7th, 1999 would be ts030799) d. If they know how to get into their Infinite Campus Portals, then don't worry about this step – this is only for those kids that might be new to us this year). <p style="text-align: center;"><i>If a student can't figure out how to log in and look up their grades, you can also do this on your computer with them by going to Campus Tools, use the Search tab on the lefthand side, the dropdown should say Student, and type the students' name in the box.</i></p> 3. After you've explained this, conference with each of your Seminar students privately about their grades: Spend your time and use the questions below with students who are struggling (D's & F's). If kids are doing fine, just do a quick "touch base" about their grades. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> #1. <i>Are you giving your best effort in your classes – why or why not?</i> #2. <i>Are you going to E2 – if so, how often?</i> #3. <i>What are you going to start doing that you're not doing now to be successful?</i> #4. <i>What are your parents' reactions to your grades – what do you think they will hear from your teachers if they come to conferences? Is this accurate?</i> #5. <i>What can you do to prove to your teacher that you are taking the course seriously?</i> #6. <i>Who's responsibility is it for you to be successful?</i> #7. <i>If your teacher could do one thing to help you, what would it be?</i>

4. Quick Housekeeping Item – TRICK OR TREAT SO KIDS CAN EAT!

1. Remind students that we are going to be collecting canned food for Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat to help those people in the Grinnell area who may need some additional food support.
 2. All of the food we collect will be donated to MICA in Grinnell.
 3. Show this quick video first:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uV2XCQZWf_g
- * You can bring food items in whenever you want (drop them off to your Seminar Room on Oct. 18th & 25th).
 - * You can bring money on Wednesdays to your Seminar if you happen to forget food or don't have time to go to the store.
 - * The food drive is sponsored by GHS Thespian Troupe 4274
 - * AND lastly, GHS has been one of the top 3 schools in this national competition over the past few years!

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: