

Welcome to High School!

HIGH SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Students are assigned homework almost every night. It is important to study and review, even if no assignment is given
- Students are expected to take on a larger role in keeping parents informed of their progress. Encourage your student to get the Skyward App on their phone if they have one. If not, have them check Skyward on a computer on a regular basis
- Keeping up with assignments is the key to maintaining good grades
- Encourage your student to use a planner on a daily basis
- Students are expected to stay with the schedule they choose. Schedule changes are not permitted after the first three days of class and are granted for academic reasons only
- Vashon High School has two semesters per school year. A grade is earned for each semester of a course
- Progress Reports and Report Cards are available on Skyward's Family Access Site. You will be notified by email when these are available. In addition, you can elect to receive weekly emails with progress reports and/or missing assignments. Check your settings on Skyward for this and let us know if you need help.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Set a regular time for homework and study
- Arrange a quiet and comfortable space at home that is used only for study if possible
- Remove distractions during study time
- Allow your student to study with other students if that helps
- Be available for help
- Supervise your student's regular use of a planner
- Check your student's homework and study materials on a regular basis.
- Supervise the school work your student does at home. If they don't need help, ask questions about what they are doing. Be curious!
- Communicate often with your students' teachers. E-mail is a great way to do this!
- Know the course requirements to earn a diploma from Vashon High School – check out the Graduation Tool Kit link for more on this