



August 5, 2019

Dear Take Stock Scholars,

We are excited for a great school year in 2019-2020! We have a lot of activities and college/career prep programming ready for you. By now, all of our incoming seniors have had their mandatory summer meetings with Mrs. Scroggie. These meetings are pivotal in the success of each student in their path to post-secondary. As an Underclassman, we hope you have used your time wisely this summer working on volunteer hours, extra coursework, credit recovery and college research. Four years will FLY by...be smart about how you use your time.

Attached you will find the calendar for the year. Please make note of the mandatory meetings, who they are for and where they are located! As a reminder, mandatory meetings are a very important part of the college readiness process and should be a priority. School related conflicts will be considered for an excused absence, but only if they are submitted in writing by the student 5 days prior to the event.

We are collaborating this year with the College of Central Florida for many of your events. We will have staff members present at the events sponsored by them, so make sure you check in to receive credit for the events.

The Remind text messaging service we have used has changed some this year. Each class will have their own Remind group. The codes are included with this letter. Most of you will, or have, received a notice from Remind that invites you to join your grade year specific class. Please either do so via that invite or with the class codes below. Each student is also encouraged to have one parent and his or her mentor join the class specific group. As always, students will receive all email communication, but parents are strongly encouraged to join Remind and our private Facebook group. You may search and request Facebook membership at **[Take Stock in Children of Marion County](#)**.

We look forward to seeing all of you during **Back to School Night at West Port on September 4th**. **Mentoring should resume that week as well.** All students will have a mentor in place by Back to School Night, unless notified otherwise. If the mentor is new, Mrs. Gray will be sending contact information to both the student and the mentor. Mentors are encouraged to come to Back to School Night, and that meeting will be used as a mentor session. Students, if your mentor reaches out, please promptly respond to get the year off on a good foot. There have been some mentor changes this summer, which will mean some students will have to be reassigned. Please be patient as we work to do so.

We wish you a wonderful back to school! You are the captain of your ship. Make choices that will steer you in the right direction. Each decision you make, big or small, has an impact on your future.

All the best,

The Take Stock in Children Marion Staff

Remind Codes:

Seniors: @tsicm2020

Juniors: @tsicm2021

Sophomores: @tsicm2022

Freshman: @tsicm2023

