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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I wanted you to know that the Shrewsbury Borough School has recently revised the criteria for our Middle School Honors and High Honors recognition of student academic achievement. After meeting with a committee of our middle school teachers, please note the following changes in our policy:

HONOR ROLL AND HIGH HONOR ROLL

HONOR ROLL – For students in grades 6 to 8 to achieve “Honor Roll” they must:

- Earn a 90% or higher in each major academic subject for that grade level, including Language Arts Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies and Spanish;
- Earn a “3 or 4” representing “Student consistently meets or exceeds district and State Core Curriculum Standards” for each of the special areas including Art, Music, Physical Education, Health, and Technology;
- And earn commendable conduct/effort marks for all subject areas or for all subject area indicators.

HIGH HONOR ROLL – For students in grades 6 to 8 to achieve “High Honor Roll” they must:

- Earn a 95% or higher in each major academic subject for that grade level, including Language Arts Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies and Spanish;
- Earn a “3 or 4” representing “Student consistently meets or exceeds district and State Core Curriculum Standards” for each of the special areas including Art, Music, Physical Education, Health, and Technology;
- And earn commendable conduct/effort marks for all subject areas or for all subject area indicators.

Students who achieve Honors or High Honors will be recognized quarterly on the bulletin board near the main entrance of the building (outside the main office). Students who achieve Honors or High Honors for four (4) consecutive marking periods will be recognized at the Awards Assembly in June.

This Honor Roll and High Honor Roll information is also published in the Student/Parent Handbook that you will receive by email and is posted on the school website for your convenience.

It is important for you and your child/children to know that this new criteria **is not updated** in the student planners that each student receives when school starts. Students will not be eligible for Honors/High Honors based on the old criteria as it is printed in the student planners this year.

Our middle school faculty has also discussed eliminating extra credit assignments, not giving grades that exceed 100%, and discontinuing the practice of allowing retests as ways to create more rigor, fairness, and distinction in the grades that are given. We will be implementing these measures so that these academic awards recognize our most deserving students and so that students and parents will have a more accurate understanding of each student’s performance here at SBS.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns about this policy change.

Very sincerely,

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