

## NCCS High School Puts Grades Online

Having quality communication between parents and teachers is one of the best ways to help students succeed. One of the goals of NCCS high school this year has been to improve communication. One way we plan to do this is to make student grades and assignment information more accessible over the internet. During the January Regents week, our teachers spent time improving their skills with the school's grading program, posting student grades to the internet, and following the necessary steps to improve parental access. Additional training with the new grading software is scheduled for the March 13<sup>th</sup> superintendent's day.

Parental and student access to grades will be online by March 20, 2009. At this point, most parents will be able to access some or all of their student's grades on-line in one central location. Those parents interested in remotely accessing the grades of their children can follow these simple steps:

1. Go to <http://grades.nccscougar.org/parents>
2. The first time visiting the site, you will need to register. This can be done by clicking the register button and then entering your full name, an e-mail address, and a password. When you have filled in the required information, click 'submit'.
3. After the account is created, you will be returned to the login screen. Using your email address and your password, you can now click 'Log-in' and enter the site.
4. After you have successfully logged on, you will need to add your children to your account. To add a child, you will need their student ID, as well as the password they were assigned. Click the 'Add Student to Account' link on the left.
5. Enter your student's ID and password, and then click 'Submit'.
6. Your student will be added to your account. If you have other students to add, you can add them now. If not, you can now click the 'Check Grades' link on the left.
7. All of your children's grade books will be listed. Click the green 'View Grade Book' button to view the student's current grade book. All participating teachers will be listed in this grade book.

NCCS High School is very excited to offer this service to you and we hope that it will give you greater insight into the work your child is doing and the level of success that they are achieving. Please realize this is a work in progress. As more teachers begin to participate in this service and as we fine tune the process this tool will become even more useful. It is also important to realize that teachers will not be updating their grades daily. It is important that your child communicates with their teachers so that they will know when to expect regular grade updates.

If you have any questions about accessing your child's grades online, please feel free to contact Principal Stephen Gratto at 298-8638 or e-mail him at [sgratto@nccscougar.org](mailto:sgratto@nccscougar.org).