



# A Note from the Principal

## How Honor Roll is Determined

A student in grades 9-12 achieves a place on the school's honor roll by attaining a combined average of 85-89.99 for all courses which receive a numerical grade. A student is placed on the High Honor Roll by attaining a combined average of 90 or above for all courses which receive a numerical grade. Any student with a failing mark or an incomplete mark in one or more courses will not be posted on any honor roll.

The cumulative average which appears at the bottom of a student's report card is computed by averaging all course grades weighted by **credit, not by unit**. All one-credit courses receive the same weight. Half or quarter credit courses count half or a quarter of a one-credit course. College credit courses taught at Red Creek carry a weighting of 1.1.

Determining the honor roll list using course credits brings the honor roll into line with a student's actual GPA and class rank. Using this method is a return to a more standardized way of computing the Honor Roll. Below are several examples which contrast the former (by units) method of computing the honor roll with the current (by credits) method:

### Units

#### *Example 1:*

Course	Mark	Conversion	Unit
Pre-Calc.	86	94.6	1
P.E.	98	98	1
Chemistry	89	89	1
U.S. History	95	95	1
$376.6 \div 4 \text{ units} = 94.150 \text{ (high honor)}$			

#### *Example 2:*

Course	Mark	Conversion	Unit
Algebra I	68	68	1
English 9	68	68	1
P.E.	98	98	1
Chorus	96	96	1
Health	95	95	1
$425 \div 5 \text{ units} = 85 \text{ (honor roll)}$			

### Credits

#### *Example 1:*

Course	Mark	Conversion	Credit
Pre-Calc.	86	94.6	1
P.E.	98	24.5	1/4
Chemistry	89	89	1
U.S. History	95	95	1
$303.1 \div 3.25 \text{ credits} = 93.262 \text{ (high honor)}$			

#### *Example 2:*

Course	Mark	Conversion	Credit
Algebra I	68	68	1
English 9	68	68	1
P.E.	98	24.5	1/4
Chorus	96	48	1/2
Health	95	47.5	1/2
$256 \div 3.25 \text{ credits} = 78.769$			

1 credit courses meet 5 days per week for 88 minutes each class.

1/2 credit courses meet 2-3 days per week for 88 minutes each class.

1/4 credit courses meet 2-3 days per week for 44 minutes each class.

Congratulations to everyone who earns a place on the school's honor roll. I want to encourage every student to do his or her very best, and I look forward to seeing a few more names added to the honor rolls each marking period!

~ Mr. Patterson