



# Thornton High School

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December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Thornton High School Families:

The staff of Thornton High School would like to wish you and families a safe Winter Break. A reminder our last day of school is Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. School re-opens Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, school begins at 9am.

I am also writing to inform you of a change to our attendance requirement. Beginning January 8th, 2018, Thornton High School will be changing the policy for receiving maximum credits in core classes. Prior to January 8th, 2018, students could receive the maximum 4 credits if they achieve a grade of 70% or above AND an overall attendance rate of 70% or above. **Beginning January 8th, 2018, students can receive the maximum 4 credits if they achieve a grade of 70% or above AND an attendance rate of 80% or above in all classes.** We have increased our attendance requirement from 70% to 80% to further emphasize the importance of daily attendance. We believe each student will rise to this new expectation and will result in more students connected to school and graduating on time and in some cases, sooner. We will also present this information and reinforce this policy update in your student's classes. Please feel free to contact me with questions you may have. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

Dennie Marengo, Ed.D.  
Principal  
"Every Day Counts"