

# FRESHMAN ACADEMY NEWS

*Helping Build Our Bobcats' Foundations for the Future*



Quarter Two

October 2016

## Career Fair: What Students Need to Know

Overton prepares all of its students to be **college ready, career ready, and life ready**. To give our students all of the planning skills they need, we take a highly educational Career Fair trip to the Nashville Convention Center during freshman year.

-The fair will take place during the school day on 10/27.

-Do not be late to school on that day!

-Dress for success!

-Wear sensible footwear!

## -Counselor Corner-

*Welcome Bobcats!*

**Academic Focus:** As we move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks, it's time to double down and make sure your grades are on target! A grade below 70% is not a passing grade, but there is time to bring those grades up! Talk with your teacher and check for details, like missing assignments, on Infinite Campus. As the freshman School Counselor, I'm meeting with students in each Freshman Seminar class to discuss grades, GPA, and graduation requirements. Ninety percent of students report that they know how to check their grades on Infinite Campus! Anyone needing assistance can come to the FA office

for help.

**Social-Personal Focus:** Overton currently runs eight small groups for students, involving over 50 students in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Groups meet for 45 minutes weekly or biweekly and focus on building character, values, and leadership skills. Coming up, freshman will be completing the "Strengths and Difficulties" Questionnaire to identify a personal quality they want to strengthen and another they want to cultivate.

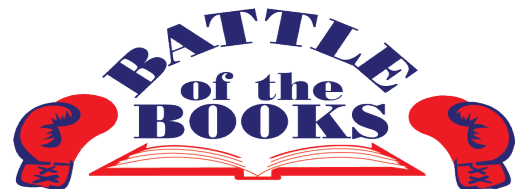
**Stay Positive! Work Hard! And Make it Happen!**

~Mrs. Wood

*Freshman School Counselor & Small Groups Coordinator*

## Important Dates:

- **TODAY: 10/18 Infinite Campus Parent Night from 5-6:30**
- **10/27 Career Fair**
- **10/31 and 11/01: Picture Days**
- **10/31 Winter Sports Try-outs**
- **11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Break**



Students interested in participating in reading quiz bowl in teams can sign up here:

<http://tinyurl.com/OHSBOB>

# SPOTLIGHT ON:

## *The Bobcat Room*



Ever needed a quiet place to do your homework? Have you ever been in the middle of a tough assignment and wished there was a teacher nearby? Then the Bobcat Room is for you!

Every Thursday from 2:20 - 4:20, Freshman Academy teachers will stay in room 246 to help you out with your homework. Be sure to arrange a ride home ahead of time.



Parents: Stay connected.

Follow us on social media!

Twitter: @JOHSFreshman

## Infinite Campus

### How-To

Infinite Campus is now available online for parents to access.

In order to access it, go to [www.infinitecampus.com](http://www.infinitecampus.com).

Fill out the online form as directed to register for an account.

## *Winter Sports*

Hey freshmen! A great way to get involved is to try out for a sport. There are a variety of options for you this winter!



### Boys Basketball

Tryouts are after school on 10/31. Students who want more information can see Mr. Douthit in room 156.

### Girls Basketball

See Mr. Cox for details.



### Wrestling

Anyone (male or female) who wants to practice **MUST** have a current physical and insurance form on file. You can get them from Coach Gabriel in room 273.