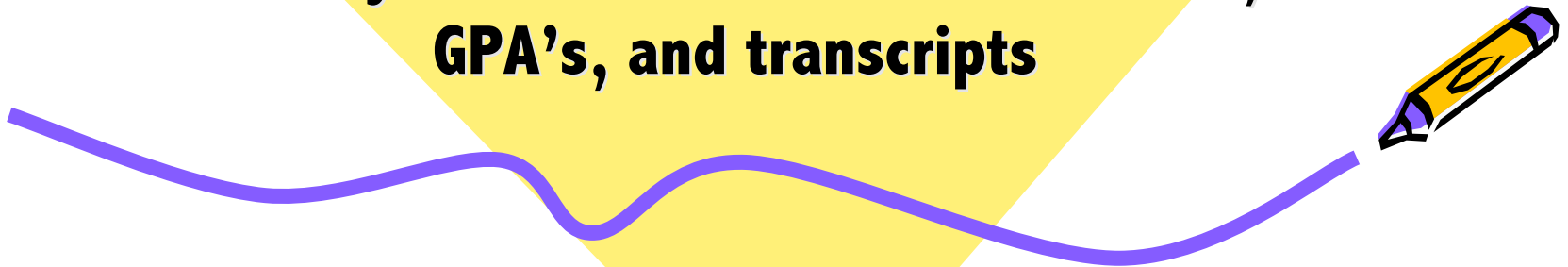




# **YOUR GRADES!**

**What you NEED to know about credits,  
GPA's, and transcripts**



# What happened last year?

- Last year, we had year-long classes
- Each class had two final semester grades, one for Fall and one for Winter
- Your final semester grade was determined by calculating the average of your two marking period grades
- **EXAMPLE: 85% Marking Period 1, 75% Marking Period 2 = 80% Final Semester 1**
- **EXAMPLE: 90% Marking Period 3, 95% Marking Period 4 = 93% Final Semester 2**



# What happens now?

- Now, with block scheduling, we have semester-long classes, not year-long classes
- Each class has only one final semester grade
- Your final semester grade is still determined by calculating the average of your two marking period grades
- **BUT, since the class is only one semester long, your final semester grade matters A LOT! It's the only grade you will get.**



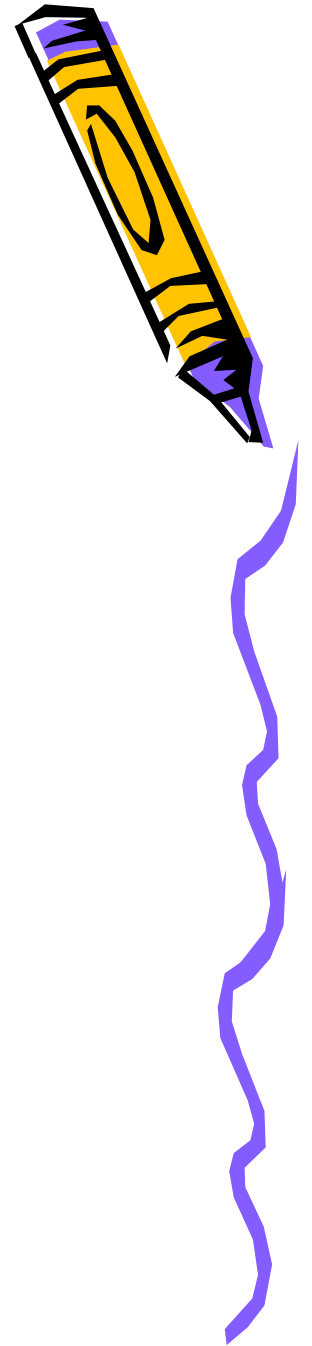
# What about credits?

- Last year, a year-long core class was worth 1 credit. Each semester was worth 1/2 credit.
- Now, core and elective classes are only 1 semester long, but the core class is still worth 1 credit and the elective class is still worth 1/2 credit.
- The only exception to this rule is **Spanish**, which is a year-long class.



# So why does it matter?

- You have one semester to pass a class. Let's take a look at this example...



# Meet Mary!

- It's Fall Semester 2008. Mary is taking six classes on the block schedule, two of which are Algebra and Dance.
- At the end of the semester, she will get 1 credit for Algebra (core) and 1/2 credit for Dance (elective).



# Mary's Grades

## Algebra

Marking Period 1: 92%

Marking Period 2: 89%

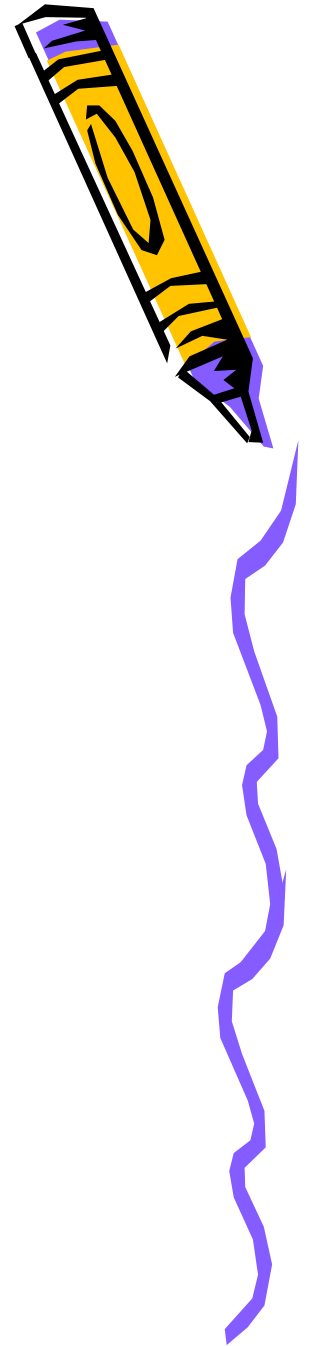
**Semester Average: 91% (A-), 1 credit**

## Dance

Marking Period 1: 85%

Marking Period 2: 80%

**Semester Average: 83% (B), .5 credit**

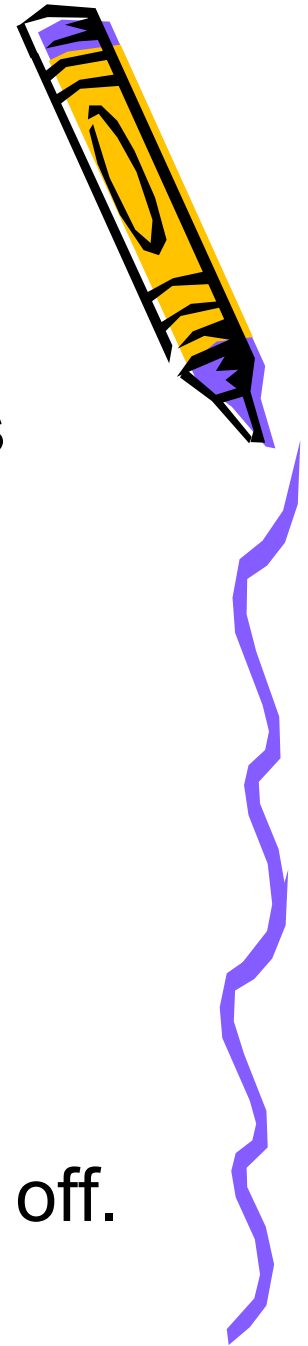


# But then...Mary Messes Up

- Mary is so excited about her good grades from Semester 1...



...she starts slacking off.



- When Semester 2 begins, she takes all new classes. One of those classes is English.
- Mary **fails** the first Marking Period of English with a 55%.
- She manages to scrape by with a passing 60% in Marking Period 2, but **the AVERAGE of both Marking Periods is still 58%--an E!**
- WOOPS! Mary has just failed her semester of English. She has also lost 1 credit of English, which she needs to graduate.
- BAD MOVE, MARY!



# Your Progress Reports

- The reports you will get after this presentation show you where your grade is TODAY.
- Just remember, in four weeks your Marking Period grade will be issued. **You now know that the Marking Period grade is half of your final semester grade for the whole class!**
- If the average of both Marking Periods is a passing grade, you receive full credit for the class. If the average of both Marking Periods is a failing grade, you receive no credit for the class.



# Passing **the first time** is important...

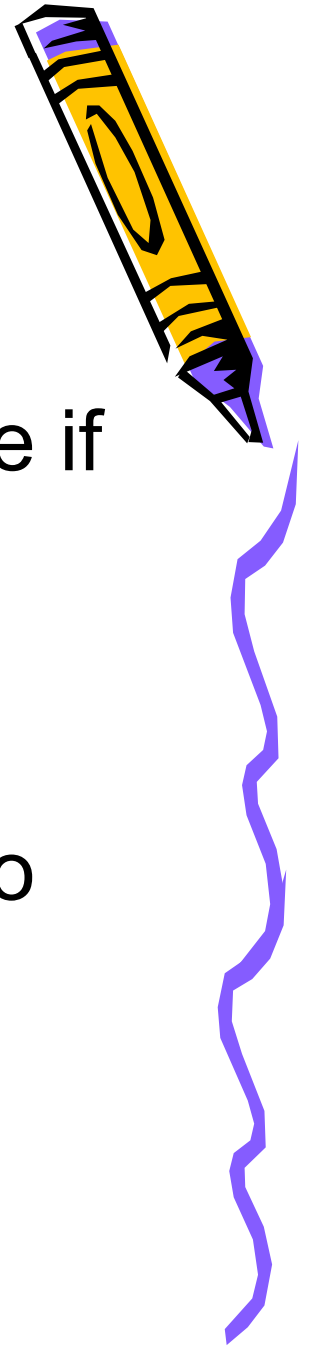


- You earn 8.5 credits per year at CAB for passing all of your classes, including seminar.
- That's 34 credits in four years.
- If you are now a junior, you need **28** credits to graduate.
- If you are now a sophomore, you need **30** credits to graduate.
- If you are now a freshman, you need **31** credits to graduate.
- And if you fail any class, you can't count on a independent study from CAB. Instead, you'll be paying for summer school or an online course to complete on your own time.



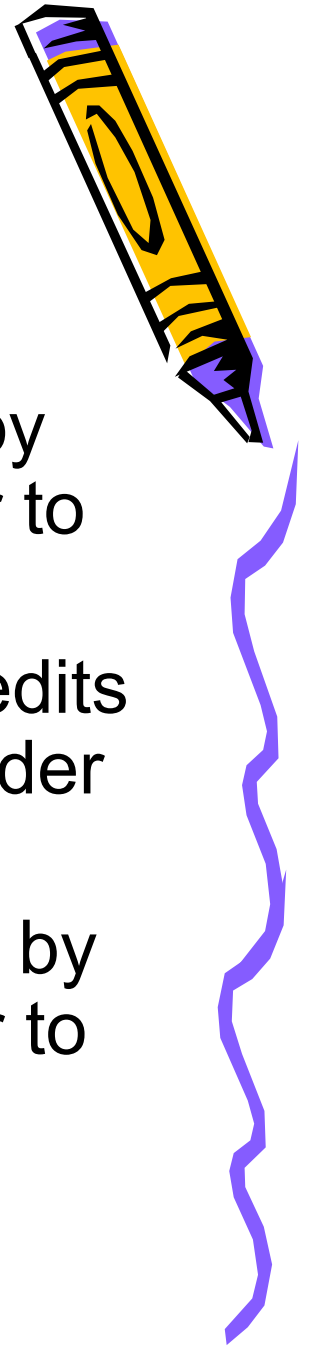
# Demoting

- You will be demoted to a lower grade if you do not have enough credits to continue on to the next grade.
- We will calculate credits in the next month or so and inform students who need to be demoted of their status.



# Demoting, Continued

- Juniors need: to have earned 21 credits by the beginning of next school year in order to become seniors.
- Sophomores need: to have earned 15 credits by the beginning of next school year in order to become juniors.
- Freshmen need: to have earned 8 credits by the beginning of next school year in order to become sophomores.



# Demoting, Continued

- We calculated these numbers by taking the number of total credits needed for graduation then dividing them by 4 (the number of years you are in high school).
- So, by the end of your freshman year, you should have earned  $\frac{1}{4}$  of your total credits; by the end of sophomore year,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of your total credits; by the end of junior year,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of your total credits.



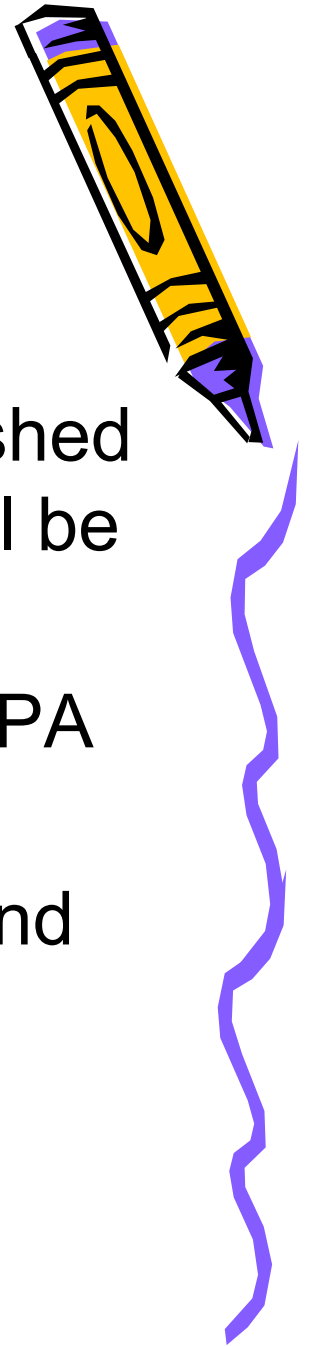
# What about transcripts?

Your final semester grade for core and elective classes will show up on your transcript. Only final semester grades will be used to calculate your GPA, and only final semester grades will be seen by colleges.

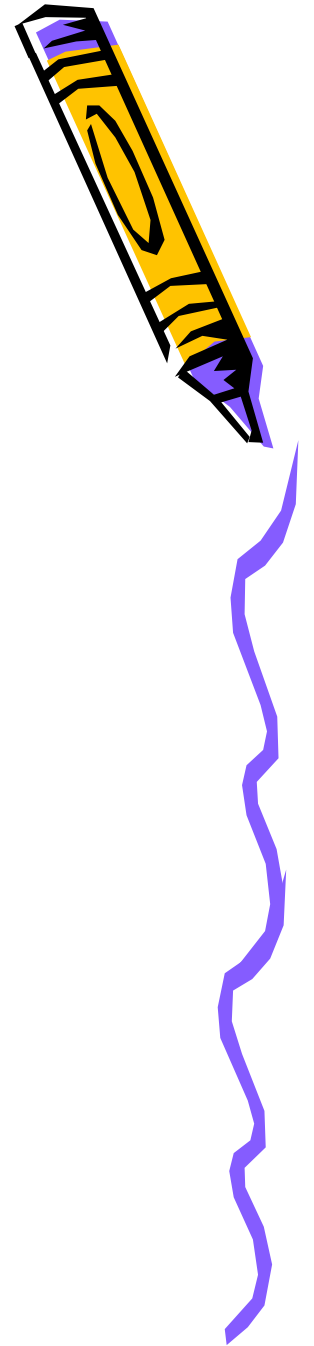
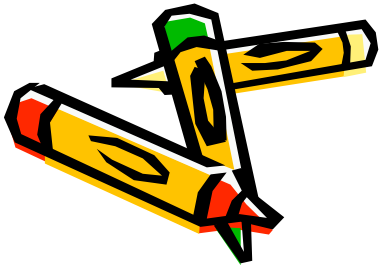


# When will I know my GPA?

- Our database administrator is almost finished fixing our transcript system. He says it will be done by the end of this week.
- You should be able to see your current GPA by mid-March.
- We will issue updated transcripts at the end of the year.



**Any questions?**



# F.Y.I.

- You will now go to your **class advisor** to pick up your progress reports (9th go to Mrs. Faulman, 10th go to Mrs. Leist, 11th go to Mrs. Baughman)
- You must return your signed progress reports to your class advisor by **this Friday, 2/27!**
- On Friday, during seminar, we will have a meeting seminar for **Prom and NHS**. If you are not part of those two groups, please go to your class advisor's room for seminar. Come prepared with homework or study materials.

