Parental Communication

The relationship with parents/guardians begins during the initial interview to enroll all students in Croom HS. It is during this conference that an attempt is made to place an emphasis on the parent(s)/guardian(s) playing an active role in helping to make the student reach his/her goal of graduating. In addition, parents/guardians actually sign an agreement to do their part to help prepare the students become college/career ready. With the assistance of parents and other stakeholders, 91 percent of students satisfy all of MSDE and PGCPS prerequisites for graduating.

The following methods are used to keep parents informed and to solicit their support.

- A welcome to Croom High School acceptance letter is sent to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of all newly enrolled students apprising them of what the school year will entail and some of the calendar dates that pertain to parents. (i.e. back to school night, PTSO, Parent Teacher conferences etc.)
- Parent and student Orientation: A mandatory session that all newly enrolled students (whose parents/guardian are invited or have the option to attend) must attend the first official week of school. During the orientation session all attendees meet the staff, given some of the highlights regarding the Croom programs and success stories. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are taken on a tour of the campus.
- PTSO (Parent, Teacher Student, Organization) meetings are held once a month during the school year, excluding the month of December and January. During the month of January a second orientation for newly enrolled students that start the second semester.
- ROBO calls are made to all parents reminding them of scheduled calendar events, or newly scheduled events that are not on the annual school calendar.
- Teachers are also encouraged to communicate regularly with parents to keep them up to date with academic concerns.
- The school website will keep parents and all stake holders informed of various scheduled events.
- The Croom Chronicle news quarterly newsletter that highlights “newsworthy” events regarding school and community events

One of the challenges that have been a constant in Prince Georges County is keeping all stakeholders involved in the day to day process of teaching students. That challenge is magnified at Croom because we only have 11th and 12th grade students. 78% of Croom students are only enrolled in the program for one year. Nevertheless, parents have been supportive. The current Croom campus location is due to a parent that was able to convince the state to rent the property to the county for one dollar a year for a ten year period. That contract began in 2009 and has since been extended for four additional years.