Dear Parent or Guardian,

We have started the school on a very strong note! All of the Galileo Health Academy (GHA) students are now concurrently enrolled in college courses through City College of San Francisco. Current juniors are enrolled in a three-unit Medical Terminology class and seniors are enrolled in an eight-unit year-long Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class. These courses offer our students many benefits. Most colleges see these courses as more valuable than an AP or Honors course. Some colleges accept these courses as elective credit and students earn more high school credit for their GPA’s Juniors in the GHA also get to visit our partner hospitals CPMC and St. Francis one day a week for a semester in order to participate in a career search activity. I am delighted to offer our GHA students a rich and challenging program. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

I am excited to invite you to join our “Remind” community. “Remind” is a web based service that allows teachers to send one way remind texts to all of the students in the class at the same time. The GHA uses this system to occasionally remind students of assignments, papers that need to be signed and important opportunities within our San Francisco community. Though it is not mandatory, I would encourage you to join “Remind” so you can receive the same reminders and better support your child. Please follow the instructions below to participate.

**If your child is in 1st period GHA:**

Text @gha1 to (229) 471-1189 You should receive instruction to enter your name. Please put your child’s name and who you are. For example “John Yee’s Mom”

**If your child is in 2nd period GHA:**

Text @gha22 to (229) 471-1189 You should receive instruction to enter your name. Please put your child’s name and who you are. For example “John Yee’s Mom”

**If your child is in 5th period GHA:**

Text @gha5 to (229) 471-1189 You should receive instruction to enter your name. Please put your child’s name and who you are. For example “John Yee’s Mom”

**If your child is in 6th period GHA:**

Text @gha6 to (229) 471-1189 You should receive instruction to enter your name. Please put your child’s name and who you are. For example “John Yee’s Mom”

Lastly, you recently signed a field trip form that allows your child to participate in our off campus activities. Please fill out the attached form and send it back with your son/daughter so we can have the most recent emergency contact information.

Sincerely,

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