



Coach's Corner

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*"A good teacher, like a good entertainer first must hold his audience's attention, then he can teach his lesson."
-John Henrik Clarke*

The Teacher Center

Semester 2 Updates

Learning Walks

Sign up for learning walks. So far we will be observing: *structure/procedures, classroom management, Socratic Seminars, Group Work Organization, Higher level questioning, and engaging activities.* You can find the **sign up** link in the Daily Leaf.

Upcoming Learning Walk

Group Work and Socratic Seminars

April 5th

Open Hours

The Teacher Center open hours for semester 2 will be **Mondays** (all day) and **Tuesdays/Thursdays** 9th period

Fixed vs. Growth Mindset

Fixed	Growth
Feels threatened by the success of others	Finds lessons and inspiration in the success of others
Pitying and negative	Looks at bigger picture and seeks solutions
Ignores useful feedback	Learns from criticism
Sees effort as fruitless or worthless	Sees effort as the path to mastery
Gives up easily	Persists in the face of setbacks
Avoids challenge	Embraces challenge
Desire to look smart	Desire to learn
Ignores situation/ looks for a distraction	Takes responsibility for learning

Moving students from a fixed to a growth mindset is not an easy task. Often a fixed mindset is a product of environment for many years. Take a look at the above chart and think about where your students fit. Over the next few weeks I will be introducing some tips on how to assist our students, who fall into the fixed mindset, begin to see the value of a growth mindset.

Is it too late?? Making Changes Mid-Year

Making changes mid-year may not be easy but it's not impossible. If you are trying to make a couple changes in your classes, whether in policy, procedure, protocol, or consequences try the following steps to put them in place:

- Make a list of all the changes and put them in order of priority
- Make sure that number one is doable, if it's too complicated break it up into smaller steps
- Implement number one only
- Start with your favorite class
- After the change is working with your favorite class introduce it to the rest
- Once it is a solid change, start the process all over with a new number one

The Teacher Center Website is Up and Running!! www.thewcs.org/theteachercenter