

# FACT SHEET on the issues of graduation in PSHS for SY 08-09

## In clarification of recent events the concerned faculty of PSHS would like to present the facts.

1/3 rule states that:

" A scholar may be recommended for probationary status in the incoming year if he receives final grades of 2.75 or 3.0 in 2 or more subjects but not to exceed 1/3 of the total units enrolled in the current year." A student may be recommended for dismissal if he receives grades lower than 2.5 in more than 1/3 of the total units enrolled in the current year. (Section III.3.1 of the Revised Guidelines on Promotion, Probation and Dismissal of PSHS Students).

Graduation: Upon completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> year, a student is recommended for graduation as PSHS scholar UNLESS:

- He/she incurs a grade of 5.0
- He is dropped for disciplinary reasons
- He is dropped for incurring 13 or more unexcused absences
- He receives grades lower than 2.5 in more than 1/3 of the total number of units for the 4<sup>th</sup> year level.

Dismissal:

- All of the above (Graduation requirements)
- He incurs 2 successive probationary status.

Discipline Case:

- Maximum number of days for community service is 10 days.

## On those who failed the 1/3 rule

- The fourth year level has 12 academic units. 1/3 is 4 units,
- 9 students failed the 1/3 rule.
- 4 students failed in 5 units, 2 students in 6 units, 2 students in 7 units, another in 8 units.

## On reconsidered students

- Some students were reconsidered at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Meaning they failed the 1/3 rule, was on double probation but was allowed by the BOT to continue in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of study. 2 of these students failed the 1/3 rule this SY.
- 7 students were reconsidered at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Of these reconsidered students 3 failed the 1/3 rule again this year. Several of these students ignored scheduled consultations with their subject teachers.
- 1 of those allowed to graduate was already reconsidered twice.

## On the Discipline Case

- Several students were charged with fraud for counterfeiting and using the counterfeit chits during the YMSAT. The chits amounted to thousands of pesos.

- Evidences were caught in their possession. They admitted participation ONLY AFTER the evidences were presented to them.
- The discipline committee recommended that the scholarship of the 2 primary offenders be terminated. They are also sanctioned to get a character rating of NI for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The accomplices must render community service.
- The scholarship committee expressed their support for the discipline committee's recommendations through a vote during a meeting on March 11, 2009. It was almost a unanimous vote with only 1 dissenting vote.
- 3 of the offenders also failed the 1/3 rule.

## On the issue of Math 5

- (To answer allegations of randomly reassigning different weights to bases of grade.)  
" Teachers have the prerogative to assign different weight factors to categories they prefer to use as the bases for arriving at the tentative grade provided these are consistent with the units' standard." Section 3.4 of PSHS GRADING SYSTEM This was also done in favor of the students.
- With the guidance of the unit head, the fourth year level teachers have decided to incorporate the achievement test in the periodic exam component. The achievement test is an standardized test covering the first three quarters while the periodic exam covers the fourth quarter topics. Both exams were given to all the seniors of the Main Campus. Thus, the achievement was given a weight of 3/4 while the periodic exam was given a weight of 1/4. Hence, this component covers the whole year's curriculum.
- 137 out of 227 students (60%) improved their Math 5 grade from third to fourth quarter.
- 66 out of 227 students (29%) retained their grade from third to fourth quarter.
- In the past 5 years, the two Math 5 teachers have a performance evaluation higher than 9.0 (10 is the maximum). Evaluation is mostly based on student rating and other factors.

## Graduation Pronouncement

- During the graduation pronouncement the 2 primary offenders were included in the roll of those who will graduate but they will not be allowed to march since they have to render their community service for 30 days. Their character rating of NI will also be changed to F upon completion of their community service.
- All those who failed the 1/3 rule are also included in the graduation roll.
- Only the 3 students who got a grade of 5 will not graduate.
- The BOT is the final deciding body.