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**TO: QOHS Students and Parents**

**FROM: Christy Freeland and the PTSA Officers**

**RE: Academic Achiever Award Program**  
**“What gets recognized gets valued.” Colleen Wilcox, Author**

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We are delighted to introduce a new program for the QOHS students. The program is the Academic Achiever Awards and it is to recognize the hard working students at QOHS.

**Objective:**

The Academic Achievers program will acknowledge students with Straight A's, Honor Roll or Most Improved during a marking period. There will be 4 different Academic Achievers Assemblies during which these groups of students will be recognized for their accomplishments in front of their peers.

**Background for Program:**

High school is an interesting time in our children's lives as they figure out who they are and what they might want to do. They need to balance school, sports, clubs, part time jobs and a social life. Many students do this well and there are many times they are praised for their abilities. However, there is only one Academic Awards Night and it focuses on Seniors. We believe that the Seniors are very worthy of the honors they earn and plan to keep this program in tact.

We are adding an **Academic Achiever** program to emphasize the importance of academics for our students' everyday of the school year. It is a program to acknowledge their hard work to achieve good grades. Also, we see this program as one that will encourage the freshman, sophomores and juniors to achieve so that they can be recognized and rewarded for their work during the school year. Again, ***what gets recognized gets valued.***

**Sponsorship Funds for Academic Programs\***

Sponsorship funds can be donated on the PTSA Membership Form and will be used for a variety of items:

- ◆ To assist in paying for the recognition at the Academic Achievers Awards Assemblies including certificates, wristbands, pins and “fun.” The “fun” will be in the form of food such as ice cream, pizza, snacks, etc. during the assemblies.
- ◆ Sponsorship funds will be used to help support teachers who are willing to provide after school tutoring for PSAT, SAT and ACT tutoring to groups of students.
- ◆ Sponsorship funds will also be made available to Principal Working to utilize for academic programming throughout the year as she deems appropriate based on the needs of the students.

**\*All donations are tax deductible since the QOHS PTSA is a non-profit organization.**