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Conferences will be held in the individual classrooms of the teachers (NOT THE GYM). There will be two types of conferences. One, you will be able to meet individually with the teacher by drop-in (no appointment necessary). Two, you can call the school and schedule a time to meet with all of the teachers at once. Please contact Angie or Karmin at 358-9771 to schedule this type of conference. If you do not call and schedule an appointment, please make sure you attend during the drop-in sessions.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Individual Drop-in
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Scheduled Conferences (15 minute blocks)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Individual Drop-in
 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Scheduled Conferences (15 minute blocks)

You may contact your child's teacher anytime to set up a time to meet or keep tabs on your child's progress through POWERSCHOOL. If you have forgotten your log-in credentials, please contact the Douglas Middle School at 358-9771.

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