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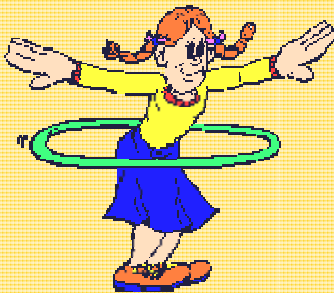
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Upcoming Events

- After school track & field Students 12 years old and older can participate.
- Elementary music night February 24 @ 6:00
- Community service project March 21-24
- Sports Day March 20 at SIS
- Spring break March 27-April 4. Classes resume April 5
- Third term begins April 5



At SIS, we settle for nothing less than mastery levels of performance and behavior

Winning The Homework Battle

Some of you may have struggled in school as a kid. Doing what they thought was best, your parents sat right next to you and employed a combination of begging, pleading, bribing, lecturing and threatening. The harder they worked, the less you did! Does this sound familiar? Do you do this with your own kids? There are other ideas you can try. Part of that plan can include:

- Setting aside a time and place for your child to learn
- Telling him/her that they could either do their work or learn by thinking about it
- Saying that they would help only as long as we didn't start arguing
- Telling him/her that they would help only as long as you worked harder than they did
- Allowing him/her to take total responsibility for homework

Most importantly, you'll transfer all of the energy you had wasted fighting with your child on making sure that they were respectful, did their chores, and knew that they were loved regardless of the grades earned. Although most kids will do worse in the short term, things will really get better in the long term!

Common College Application Mistakes - part 5

5. YOU DECIDE THERE IS ONLY ONE "RIGHT"

COLLEGE

There is no single "right" college for you. There are probably several. Before you begin to narrow your options, do everything you can to expand them. Look beyond the colleges that are known to you.

Don't apply to colleges where you cannot compete academically. By matching your qualifications and personal characteristics with the profile of admitted students, you'll paint an accurate picture of your chances of being accepted.

Create a list of five to ten serious choices, using the three-tier approach. Your first-tier colleges are the extremely competitive or "reach" schools; second-tier colleges are those colleges that meet all your requirements but are not as selective as the first group; and the third-tier should include colleges that you're sure to get into, a.k.a safety schools. Make certain you apply to some colleges from the latter two groups.



Parenting

Developing a Healthy Relationship with Your Teen/Parent

For Parents:

Establish Rules For Your Teen

Teenagers need rules to live by. They need a structured environment and they need to be accountable for their actions. Parents must enforce the rules they put in place so their children will know that there are consequences for their actions. Set rules for dating, driving and other teen behaviors that make you nervous as a parent. Teens need to earn the trust of their parents, and then they will earn the right to have privileges.

Be Involved In Your Teens Life

Develop relationships with your children. Talk with them about their lives. Support, encourage and show love to your children. You cannot watch your children at all times, so it is important to establish a trusting relationship so they will feel comfortable coming to you with their questions and problems. Get to know their friends and the people they want to date. Ask questions to find out who they are as people and what their morals and values are. Be aware of the television shows they watch and monitor the websites they visit.

Instill Confidence In Your Teen

If parents do not instill confidence in their teens, they will seek approval from other sources.

Help Your Teen Find A Passion

Parents can help their children find a passion and help them become involved in it.

For Teens:

Be Open And Honest With Your Parents

This is the only way you will earn trust from them. Don't tell your parents what you think they want to hear; tell them the truth. If you think they will use your honesty as leverage against you, then explain that to your parents so the dynamic can change.

Don't Live In The Moment

It is important to think about and plan your future.

Pursue A Passion In Your Life

Find something that you really enjoy doing, and learn as much about it as you can. When you immerse yourself in a passion, you will not be so focused on the opposite gender and let them hold you back from achieving your goals.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?", they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."