

**NOVEMBER FOR FAMILIES OF 8THGRADE STUDENTS**

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High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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**Study Skills & Homework Help**

Few students love homework, but it does serve several purposes:

* Reinforce what they’ve learned during the day.
* Build study habits that are essential in college.
* Prepare for their classes.
* Get a sense of progress.

Homework is one of the first places many students fall behind. Help your children get the most out of homework by teaching them to talk to their teachers and counselors. Encourage them and let them know that it is okay to ask questions if the assignment is unclear and to ask for help if needed.

Homework takes organization. You can help your child learn to:

* Keep a “homework notebook” with all assignments and deadlines.
* Make a quiet space and time for homework.
* Gather materials needed for the homework task.
* Turn in completed assignments on time.

Homework also requires focus, persistence, and determination. You can help your children problem-solve what gets in the way and remind them to take a short break when frustrated.

Homework demands time management. You can help your child learn to prioritize homework tasks by importance and deadline.

When students put their attention and effort to homework, they learn habits that will help them in college and beyond.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

**Did You Know?**



**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

* **No Tutoring October 26th & 28th**
* **College and Career Fair: November 3rd 10-2pm**
* **Tutoring Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-4:30pm**

**Myth Buster**

**Student Checklist**

* **Visit a college campus.** Find out if your school offers any visits as a field trip.
* **Turn your interests into careers**. List your hobbies and talents. Then match up the things on your list with different opportunities.

**Family Checklist**

* **Visit a college campus.** Serve as a chaperone on school field trips to college campuses to learn more about different postsecondary options.
* **Explore careers and college programs.** Talk to your student about different careers they might be interested in and what education they might need.
* **Continue learning about college readiness and the benefits of college.** Keep reading these newsletters, attend events at the school, and check out online resources like [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org) and [www.knowhow2go.com](http://www.knowhow2go.com), which have information specifically for parents.

**MYTH:** Students only attend community college because they can’t get into a four-year university.

**REALITY:** There are many reasons students attend community colleges instead of four-year colleges.

Cost is one of the biggest incentives, since community college is usually more affordable. Many students choose to take core classes at a community college and then transfer to a four-year university. Also, many students choose to live at home to save money on housing costs. Class schedules can be more flexible, as well, so students can work more hours.

It is important to consider support services, graduation rates, and costs and costs to determine which school is the best fit. Do your research.