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S.H.S. HAWK TALK



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Thoughts from Dr. Newblom:

Greetings! It is at the beginning of each year that students are encouraged to set new goals to achieve at a higher level than a prior year or in a previous course. As parents, we also start out the new year with new and different goals as we encourage our children. As families continue to increase what they need to do every year and each and every year, just what is the most effective way parents can help their children achieve academically at school? After reading the research of Bryan Goodwin from McREL International, one key behavior that seems to have the greatest impact over any other on the achievement of a child: "Parental communication of high expectations is key." As parents, please continue to enjoy being an involved parent by asking questions, checking PowerSchool for attendance and grades, encouraging your child to complete his/her assignments, and attending school events. Within that process, remember to communicate your high expectations for your child(ren) to achieve. By doing so you are helping them "develop an internal desire to work hard, learning new skills, persistence, and to succeed academically."

In another study by W. H. Jeynes about parental involvement it suggests, "The parenting style most correlated with a student's success combines love and support with structure and discipline." So as you think about your student's goals to achieve this school year and how to best support your child on that journey, I really like this conclusion by Jeynes, "Parental expectations for learning are not delivered as thou-shalt-go-to-college-edicts but rather, as everyday enforcements of the value of education, sacrifice, and hard work that students come to internalize as high aspirations for themselves."

This research supports that students are accountable for his/her own learning and every parent wants their child (ren) to succeed. So go ahead and communicate that personal best is expected, education is important so attendance is important, and being a reflective learner is productive in the learning process. And then give your child a hug and provide them with loving support.

Goodwin, Bryan. "The Power of Parental Expectations." *Educational Leadership*, September, 2017: 80-81.

Jeynes, W. H. (2011) "Parental Involvement Research: Moving to the Next Level." *The School Community Journal*, 21(1), 9-18.

eLearning Days 2017-2018

Sheridan Middle School and Sheridan High School have scheduled four eLearning Days this school year. These days allow Sheridan Middle School and Sheridan High School students the opportunity to "learn from home" while teachers spend time at school in professional development.

We have been approved the following days in the school calendar for 2017-2018:

September 13, *November 8, February 14, and March 14

**SCS eLearning Day for all schools*

What can you expect on an e-Learning Day? Students will be responsible for completing assignments provided by his/her teachers through online delivery. Students will not be required to come to school but are accountable for checking-in for attendance, online assignments, and contacting his or her teachers if they have questions. Over the next few weeks and immediately prior to each e-Learning Day, teachers will be providing specific instructions and expectations to your child.

Sheridan Middle School and Sheridan High School will be open and the high school media center will welcome any student needing access to the Internet. Students may also take advantage of food service with breakfast and lunch being available onsite. Transportation will also be available for students who need to come to school for Internet access or for food service. If your middle school or high school student is coming to school for food service, for access to the Internet or computers, or in need of transportation to take advantage of these services, he/she must be signed up by Friday, September 8, 2017 so that we can plan accordingly. We ask that you contact Sarina Marquis (x3321) for a middle school student or Linda Fausset (x4401) for a high school student to sign-up for any of these services.

Sheridan Elementary School students will be in attendance at school on September 13, February 14, and March 14 for eLearning Days. All bus routes will run on the same schedules as a regular school day. On November 8, 2017, the entire Sheridan Community School Corporation will have an eLearning Day.

Should you have questions, concerns, or need additional information please contact us.