



NEWS FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

October 24, 2011

"IT'S ALL ABOUT S.U.C.C.E.S.S.!"

We continue to move along. Some say time flies when you're having fun. The reality of it is that time flies whether or not you're having fun. The bottom line is that time waits for no one and we cannot afford to put off for tomorrow what we need to do today. In other words, as they relate to your child's success in school and in life, you must consistently encourage your child to:

- ✓ do his/her best everyday in all things
- ✓ give 100% effort in academics and behavior
- ✓ be polite, courteous, and display manners daily
- ✓ set realistic goals and realistic steps to achieve those goals
- ✓ believe in themselves and know that with hard work and effort they can accomplish anything their heart desires

Again, I encourage all parents to work closely with the teachers because your partnership is essential to the success of our children. Remember to look for your child's first Progress Report on **Monday, October 31st**. Let us continue to instill in our children that **"Hard Work + Effort = SUCCESS!"**

T.I.P. [The Informed Parent]

Last week, we addressed three of the academic keys to success—**organization, time management, and prioritization**. This week we address **concentration and motivation**.



Concentration

It's very important that children work on schoolwork in an area with limited distractions and interruptions.

Tips to help your child concentrate:

1. Turn off access to email and games when your child works on the computer.
2. Declare the phone and TV off-limits during homework time.
3. Find space that fits the assignment. If your child is working on a science project, she may need lots of space.
4. Help your child concentrate during homework time by separating him from his siblings.

Motivation

Most children say they want to do well in school, yet many still fail to complete the level of work necessary to succeed academically. The reason is often motivation.

Tips to help motivate your child:

1. Link school lessons to your child's life. If he's learning percentages, ask him to figure out the price of a discounted item next time you shop.
2. Link your child's interests to academics. If she's passionate about music, give her books about musicians and show how music and foreign languages are connected.
3. Give your child control and choices. With guidance, let him determine his study hours, organizing system or school project topics.
4. Encourage your child to share her expertise. Regularly ask her about what she's learning in school.
5. Congratulate your child, encourage him and celebrate all his successes.
6. Often what holds children back from trying is the fear of failure or the memory of a time they didn't do well. You can help break this cycle by celebrating your child's successes, no matter how small, and by giving him/her opportunities to succeed academically.



BOO-TO-DOO!

We invite our parents to join us for our **Fall Fest** on **October 31st**. The activities will take place from **12:00 – 3:00p**. The students may wear their costumes to school or they may wear something orange and black for **Halloween** or something pink for **Breast Cancer Month**. Please contact

Miss Jones if you would like to help with setting up the activity stations. She will be able to give you a time. Double service hours are possible. Just ask!!!!

DISMISSAL WILL BE AT 3:00P ON MONDAY, 10/31/11!

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

31 **Progress Report One**
"Boo-To-Do!"..... Fall Fest
DISMISSAL AT 3:00 P.M.

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

2 Early dismissal at 1 p.m.
 5 Wolves on the Prowl, Loyola (9–12 Noon)
 16 Early dismissal at 1 p.m.
 18 **Progress Report Two**
"It's A Family Affair"
(Thanksgiving Luncheon)
 21-25 **Thanksgiving Holidays**
NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK
 28 **STUDENTS RETURN**

WOLVES ON THE PROWL

Wolves on the Prowl will take place on **Saturday, November 5th**. Our students will participate in various activities at Loyola University. We have to arrive at Loyola at 9:30a. Students must report to school on time because the bus will leave here no later than **9:10a**. We will leave Loyola at **11:30a** to return to school by **12:00 noon**. Parents may attend and earn service hours for helping to supervise activities. Parents must provide their own transportation. Please join us!!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them. - Ann Landers

Emily M. Paul,
Principal

