

SHCPS Weekly Newsletter

August 28, 2009

Hope is our September Core Value.

Save the Date:

Aug. 31: Bus Evacuation and Safety Drills
Aug. 31, Sept. 1,2: PG Fundraiser Preparation
Sept. 1: Board of Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM
Sept. 1 & 14: Community Banking Visit
Sept. 3: Fall Pictures
Sept. 4: School Wide Picnic ; Half Day for Students / Staff PD; Parent Guild Fundraiser

Sept. 7: No School
Sept. 8: President Obama's Address, Hope and Hero Day
Sept. 14: Shell and Tutorial Classes Begin, Instrument Night 6:00PM

Mon.= Day 5 Tue. = Day 6 Wed. = Day 1 Thurs. = Day 2 Fri. = Day 3 Mon. = Day 4


Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

This weekend, as the nation remembers Senator Ted Kennedy, let's think about the core values he displayed as he helped to shape civil rights and health care policies and fought for equal justice for all. Let's carry on his legacy by helping each other be all that we can be.

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Star  Students Congratulations to Jesian Guzman, Luis Ortiz, Krisellen Gillet, Matthew Nalchajian, Alesia Piperi, Tony Nokeo, Matilda Yeboah, Kiara Gonzalez, Isaac Cordova, Javaugn Johnson and Kaitlyn Palmer for showing extraordinary Core Values !

Parent Partnerships Volunteer Opportunity: The SHCPS Parent Guild needs your help to prepare for the fall fundraiser. They will meet on Monday, Aug. 31st at 4pm, Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 9am to put together the fundraising packets. Join them for one or more of these work sessions. Many hands make light work! Contact Sarah Okerlund (sdokerlund@msn.com) with questions.



Childfind A student is eligible for special education services if there is presence of a disability, lack of effective progress and the need for specialized instruction. If a child is suspected to have special needs, the pre-referral process may be initiated by contacting the Student Support Manager, Sherry Trainque. Parents are involved at each step of the referral process. Special education is provided in accordance with state and federal laws.

Community Connections Congratulations to Mr. Belanger for being the Dynamy Sponsor of the Year! Mr. Belanger has hosted several Dynamy interns over the years as they learned about ways to integrate technology into the classrooms and to bring theatre to life on the SHCPS stage.

SHCPS Weekly Challenge

Completed challenges are due to Ms. Piazza each Monday morning.

Make a list of AT LEAST five things you see people do this weekend to show that they are kind, safe and responsible.

Did you notice a mistake in this newsletter? Circle the mistake. Have your parents read & sign the newsletter. Give it to Ms. Piazza on Monday morning to be entered into a raffle for a free dress down day.

Help At Home (from Ms. Dirsal) As parents, let's face it, we all look forward to school starting



just like the dad in the Staples commercial! But one of the things we don't look forward to is getting our kids up in the morning and ready for school. Here are some tips on how to make the morning routine a little more manageable:

1. Plan your morning routine with your kids. The more say they have, the more 'buy in' they have.
2. Make a chart or a checklist for them. This will eliminate most of the nagging you have to do. They can check off the things they have completed or you can put a check/sticker/smile (depending on their age) next to what they have completed.
3. Use a timer, if necessary. Tell them when it goes off they have 30 seconds to be sure they have completed the task or they do not get the check in the box or, if necessary, there will be a consequence (ie: bed 15 minutes earlier that night).
4. Get uniforms, lunches and backpacks (with signed agendas and completed homework) ready and by the door the night before. Anytime you can get things ready the night before and not have to do it in the morning is a big time saver!
5. For multiple children getting ready and out the door on time, stagger their wake up times. Older children get up 5-10 minutes earlier to hit the bathroom first.
6. Get them their own alarm clocks! Teach them how to use them and if they want to hit the snooze button, they have to set them 10 minutes early!
7. Breakfast is optional at home! All students are entitled to free breakfast at school this year.
8. Be sure to reward your kids when they do make it out the door on time! Verbal praise goes a long way! If morning routine is a big issue and you do make the chart or check-list have them work toward something like going out to breakfast on the weekend or family game night, movie night, staying up a little late on the weekend, etc.

SHCPS School Advisory Council (SAC) 2009-2010 Nominees

Please circle one representative for each academy.

Andrea Windward - (Primary Academy) Andrea held office for the Head Start Policy Council, Parent Committee, BOD, Health Advisory and Male Advisory

Jazmary Domingez - (Primary Academy) Jazmary would like to encourage integration of the arts.

Rudi Culani (Primary Academy)

Lee-Ann Johnson - (Primary or Elementary Academy) Lee-Ann cares a lot about the school and would like the chance to help.

Kwame Poku (Elementary Academy)

Jessica Kaffour (Elementary Academy)

Dorinda Ortiz - (Elementary or Junior Academy) Dorinda has been involved with SHCPS since the opening. She has had two children graduate, with three more to go. She wants to strive to make her children's and other children's education the best they can get.