

SET FOR SUCCESS



Here are some quick tips for success this spring semester.

- Get your child organized. Be sure that your child has supplies in his/her backpack, and be sure that you have a plan for handling their paperwork, homework, etc. Each child should have a planner or a paper calendar where they can record assignments and projects. Go over this together once a week (more often if necessary).
- Have a plan for your child to complete homework and long-term assignments. Be sure to provide a place at home for your child to study, and discuss at what time homework should be completed. Your child receives a class syllabus for each class. Some are handed out quarterly, monthly or weekly. They are **ALL** available on the school website in each teacher's section. Also, your child should have this syllabus in each subject's notebook or section. Look over this information together.
- Be sure to check STI **weekly** to monitor your child's progress. If you do not have a log on for STI, you can contact the school counselor (Mrs. Gatewood) and she will give you your code and password. This is a very valuable resource. Students' grades are updated in STI, and you need to be aware of a failing grade early on in the marking period. It is too late to come discuss a low failing grade during the last three weeks of the quarter.
- Your **child is responsible** for making up any work missed during an excused absence. It would be great if he/she had the number of a reliable friend that they could call to find out what they missed in school if they are absent. They need to first look over their syllabus to complete the assignments/homework listed for that day. They should turn in this missing work and ask their teachers if they have any other quizzes, or class work to make up.
- Please remember that, at this age, your child needs to become responsible for communicating with his/her teachers on their own. We are happy to communicate with parents, but we want the students to learn how to approach their teachers as well.
- It is important the each student keep track of his/her own work and schedule. Middle school is much different than elementary school in that now teachers have over 100 students (not just one class of students) to keep track of. It is impossible for teachers to memorize the grades of each student. However, students have the necessary resources to keep track of their seven classes and their grades in each class on their own. Their progress report and report card should not be a surprise.
- **It is their job to make their school success a priority in their lives.** They must choose to succeed in school, and this will require that they set aside time for both homework and studying. Your child should have homework each evening, and they should be reviewing the notes taken during class. A great way for them to do this is simply to tell you about what they learned each day. **Help your child make school a priority, and they will benefit greatly!**