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Skills For A Lifetime

*1st Semester
Exam Dates:
Monday,
December 20th
&
Tuesday,
December 21st*

EXPECTATIONS

What do you expect for YOUR student? Most parents have high hopes for their children. They want the best and they want their children to excel. We hope YOU have those expectations for YOUR student.

How do YOU get from having high hopes to making those hopes a reality? The junior and senior years are especially important in helping students to make their dreams come true. It takes conscientious hard work on their part and consistent encouragement combined with high, but attainable standards on the parents' part. It is easy when the sledding gets tough for students to give up because they think they are not good enough to get to their goals.

That is where YOU, their parents play a critical role. Students will want to give up – because it is easier for them. Do not let them do that. It is this important time that parents must insist that their students continue to work, study for the test, complete that project, go to school – whatever it takes to continue to achieve. Unfortunately for parents it is also the time that students will make excuses about why they can't do something, should not have to do it, and insist they do not need to do it. This is the time that you cannot allow them to take the easy way out. This is the time that you need to check in with their teacher(s) to make sure you know what needs to be done. The message you need to give repeatedly to your student is your belief in them, in their ability to achieve and succeed so they will move beyond this difficult time or project. YOU must have the expectation that YOUR child will succeed. Nothing will help your child more than YOUR belief in them.

If you don't know how to continue to encourage your child, that is the time to call us and ask for help. Students always succeed when parents work closely with teachers to help their children find a way to get the work done, to get the work done to the best of their ability.

It is the hope of every SST staff member that every SST student will have a wonderful, exciting, lucrative, and meaningful career. We are here to help every student develop a plan to do that. But we will not be successful if the student does not believe in himself or herself. Will YOU as parents have high expectations for YOUR students and demand that they do the work required to make those dreams realities? Help us help YOUR student make his or her dreams come true!

Nancy Pierce, Principal ~ 775-8461

2004 HOLIDAY RECESS

The last day before the holiday break for AM and MID session students is Wednesday, December 22nd. The last day for PM session students is Tuesday, December 21st. Students return on Monday, January 3, 2005.

SST PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TEACHERS (PACT)

The SST Parent Council (PACT) has met a couple of times this fall and has already made some recommendations to improve the education of YOUR students. Some parents have expressed a desire to know more about the college and scholarship process. At the next meeting Principal Nancy Pierce will lead an informal discussion about how to help YOUR student go through the college process and ways to secure scholarships. All SST parents are invited to participate in this important conversation about YOUR student's future. PACT also serves as part of the SST Scholarship Evaluation Committee – over \$10,000 is awarded to SST students through this fund. Parents are encouraged to participate. New members are welcomed! For more information, contact Principal Nancy Pierce at 775-8461.

The next meeting is: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 – 6:30 PM**
SST CONFERENCE ROOM

SST COMMUNITY SERVICE

SST continues to make contributions to our communities through giving time and effort to improve our communities. Some of the activities we have been working on are:

Exeter Beautification – Animal & Plant Science students planted over 700 daffodils around the Exeter Town Hall and SAU Office Building just before Thanksgiving as part of the town's effort to plant over 5000 daffodils downtown. The students also cleaned up the gardens for the winter before they planted.

Santa Breakfast – Health Science students organized the annual Santa Breakfast last Saturday where children and their parents were invited to eat pancakes with Santa. SST's own Santa Bruno proved to be a very friendly Santa to local children. The breakfast raised over \$250 to be donated to local charities.

Community Pantry – the Marketing classes, members of DECA, led the whole school drive to replenish the community pantries as well as provide a bountiful Thanksgiving basket to a needy SST family. The response from all SST classes was overwhelming so that the family was well provided for and two car loads of canned goods and other non-perishables were given to the Congregational Church and St. Michael's pantries. The Auto Collision and Auto Tech classes tied for the honor of the SST class making the most food donations.

SST TEACHING ASSISTANTS: THE SECRET WEAPON

SST is incredibly fortunate to have such talented, experienced and dedicated Teaching Assistants working with our students and teachers to enhance our programs and promote student learning. Each of them bring special talents to SST. If your student has not yet worked with one them, encourage them to seek their assistance. Barbara Samulka and Elaine Willet have been working with students in many programs forever! Their greatest contribution is to help EVERY student maximize his/her abilities. Barbara works especially with Biotechnology and Animal & Plant Science. Elaine works with Early Childhood Education and Health Sciences. They specialize in working 1-1 with students who need extra help. Jack Quinney has been working with the Collins Writing Program and has helped the Building Construction teacher develop important short writing assignments to increase student skills. Additionally, he

helped set up the Building Trades Web site so students can access assignments on line. Doug Cowie works with the Auto Tech classes and spent all summer supervising the interns at dealerships all over the Seacoast and is currently assisting Auto Tech instructor Scott Jamieson to get the program NATEF certification updated. Tom Lancot is collecting flags from every state, baseball teams, and the military to decorate the gym when EHS moves to its new location. Additionally, he is working to help students learn how to balance checkbooks. He is also working with the Service Learning project. He usually works with Auto Collision and Welding students. Paula Sullivan is the newest of the TA's, works with Culinary Arts and brings years of experience working at Lindbergh's Crossing and many culinary talents to students. Technology Coordinator Gary Sinden supports all students and teachers with his computer expertise and also developed and maintained the SST webpage! He especially supports Computer and Marketing classes. These staff members play a huge role in developing the success of SST students. A big thank you to each of them for the important role they play at SST. Encourage your student to discover SST's secret weapons!

IMPORTANT DATES AT SST ~ 2004-2005

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| December 20 & 21 | SST Mid-term Exams. Students who want to excel must study for them. Insist that your student review and prepare for exams. Please read last page for procedures! Students who miss exams will receive a zero unless arrangements are made <u>prior</u> to exams. |
| January 7 | Senior Scholarship Workshop. All seniors are encouraged to participate and discover all the possibilities to secure financial aid and figure out how they can attend college. <i>EVERY SST STUDENT CAN ATTEND COLLEGE IF HE OR SHE MAKES ENOUGH EFFORT!</i> Call Mr. Bruno or Mrs. Pierce for help! |
| January 28 | National Technical Honor Society inductions. Qualified students must get applications and portfolios into the SST Honor Committee no later than January 11. |
| February 7 & 8 | Career Fair Days. Over 1200 regional sophomores will visit SST to discover the right program for them. Opportunity: current SST students will make presentations to sophomores. New Program for 2005-06: Digital Communications. |
| April 19 | SST Scholarship applications and portfolios are due! |
| May 5 | SST will be completing its 25th year! Help us celebrate! Stay tuned for more details after the first semester. |
| June 2 | SST Certificate Ceremony – 5:30 pm at EHS Talbot Gymnasium – all seniors and second-year students will be honored. Families are invited to celebrate your student's achievements. |