

HAMMOCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRE-LAW MAGNET
PTSA PARENT PROGRAM
"HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED"
JANUARY 30, 2014



The following are suggestions from each department in the school as to how you can help your child succeed in school and also be prepared for the state examinations.

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Counselors

- Turn off the TV Monday through Thursday and limit it on the weekends
- Assist your child in organizing their book bags every week
- Look at their agenda every night
- Establish a homework routine and a place to do their homework
- Use free homework help here at the school Monday through Thursday, 4 to 5 PM
- Offer rewards and consequences for what your child does

ELECTIVES DEPARTMENT

- Turn off the TV Monday through Thursday and limit it on the weekends
- Read a play or book with your child and discuss what is happening in the story each week as you complete the play or story
- Go to see plays when they are performed and discuss what the play was about
- Helpful site – www.flthespians.org

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Turn off the TV Monday through Thursday and limit it on the weekends.
- Give your child access to quality informational text such as newspapers, Time magazine, National Geographic, etc
- Students should be reading at least 30 minutes per day
- Students have access to Reading Plus, which offers reading and vocabulary practice, login.readingplus.com
- Visit www.i-ready.com for help with Math & Reading which uses a blended model combining NGSSS and Common Core
- www.scholastic.com/teachers/activity/story-starters provides practice activities for reading and writing

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

- Turn off the TV Monday through Thursday and limit it on the weekends
- Access your child's grades weekly and check their math notebook daily
- Monitor your child's grades through the parent portal
- Helpful sites:
www.reflexmath.com
www.khanacademy.com
focus.florida-achieves.com
odyssey.dadeschools.net _username (student ID#) password (student ID#)
www.i-ready.com/

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- Turn off the TV Monday through Thursday and limit it on the weekends
- Check your child's grades online (Parent Portal)
- Visit the school's website for updates
- Helpful sites to visit:
 - www.explorelearning.com - GIZMOS
 - www.linktoscience.com – Textbook access not available on the portal (Honors)
 - www.odysseyearth.com
 - www.discoveryeducation.com

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Turn off the TV Monday through Thursday and limit it on the weekends
- Ask to see your child's homework and ask them to explain what they are learning and why they need to know what they are learning
- Make sure your child studies daily
- If they say they don't have homework ask to see their agenda, check their grades daily on the parent portal to see if they are turning in their homework and how well they are doing in their classes
- Talk to your children while in the car driving to places, while cooking dinner, while having dinner as a family, turn off the radio & TV and all electronics and listen to what your children have to say
- Helpful sites to visit:
 - Tech24.com
 - Virtualdr.com

SPED – Special Education

- Turn off the TV Monday through Thursday and limit it on the weekends
 - Access your child's grades weekly – go to the main office for assistance accessing the parent portal
 - Look at your child's agenda every night and ask your child to write their assignments for every class
 - Make sure your child has all his/her supplies every day, teach them to be prepared to learn
 - Helpful sites to visit:
 - Brainpop.com
- And all the ones listed above for each department

The library is open every morning from 8:20 to 9 AM to work on computers, to check out books, and for Accelerated Reader.

INVOLVED PARENTS HELP CREATE BETTER STUDENTS!

TESTING CALENDAR

Please place this calendar on your refrigerator and refer to it as we get closer to the testing dates. Please make sure that your child gets enough rest and eats a nutritious breakfast each morning. A free breakfast is available every morning in the school cafeteria. Also, please do not schedule appointments which may require you to take your child out early during the testing dates. Testing may take place at different times of the day throughout each test day.

Thank you!

~ April 2014 ~						
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**HAMMOCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRE-LAW MAGNET
PTSA GENERAL MEETING AND PARENT WORKSHOP
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PTSA President, Gisselle Nevot calls the meeting to order. The twenty-five families who attended were treated to a parent program on the upcoming state tests and how they can help their children achieve in each specific subject area. They received helpful handouts and a magnet clip to assist with posting the helpful information on their home refrigerator.



Families then went into the cafeteria for a pizza and salad dinner compliments of Hammocks PTSA.



Our Principal, Ms. Leal, and our AP, Ms. Bonilla take a moment to pose with our PTSA Board Members, Patricia Gomez, VP of Volunteers and Gisselle Nevot, our President, while families enjoy their meals.