Winter 2015 Schedule of Workshops

Parent Academy workshops give parents tips and tools to help their children succeed in school.

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Understanding the PARCC Assessments

Monday, January 12 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Our annual PARCC training and expectations for our students. The PARCC assessments in English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics. These assessments will replace the Maryland School Assessments (MSA) for reading and mathematics. We will practice strategies to assist your child in searching for tools available to your child that support their academic growth.

Screening: Transcending Electronic Monsters in Your Home

Thursday, February 12 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Many kids, in spite of the despair that would ensue if they were to cut the virtual umbilical cord, do not want to be online and want to be with their friends. Helping them find balance in the virtual world of the Internet can make a difference in their future. This workshop will address how to access the Internet safely and effectively.

Parenting Active Now (part 1 of 5)

Monday, February 23 6:30-8:30 P.M.

This training session focuses on discipline, expectations for student conduct, and the range of consequences students may experience for breaking rules at school. We will discuss positive discipline techniques, and hear how parents can work with their child's teachers. Facilitated by Parent Engagement Program.

Parenting Active Now (part 2 of 5)

Monday, March 9 6:30-8:30 P.M.

In this workshop we will explore how discipline is integrated into the daily life of our students and what steps parents can take to help their child. Presented by the Parent Engagement Program.

Parenting Active Now (part 3 of 5)

Monday, March 16 6:30-8:30 P.M.

In this training session we will discuss strategies for improving SAT and ACT scores. Presented by staff from The Princeton Review.

Parenting Active Now (part 4 of 5)

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Wednesday, January 21 7:00-8:30 P.M.

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Wednesday, February 18 7:00-8:30 P.M.

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