



Principal Notes

St. Martin de Porres Academy
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October 19, 2009
2009-2010 School Year

Be Your Best Self!

Monitoring Your Student's Progress From Home

Important Dates:

Bullying Presentation

October 19th - 21st

Picture Day

October 21st

FMI Regional Band Concert

October 24th
St. Stephen in Hamden

NativityMiguel Soccer-Scrabble

Jamboree
October 24th

Open Cadet Rehearsal

October 29th

No School - Teacher In-service

November 3rd

Parent Meeting

November 4th @ 5pm

End of 1st Term

November 6th

No School - Veterans Day

November 11th

Mandatory Report Card Conferences

November 18th and 19th

A Family Check List:

Planner Checks

- Your student should have each one of their assignments written down in their planner. Ask to see that planner and the assignments they have completed to be turned in the next day.

Fun Friday Participation

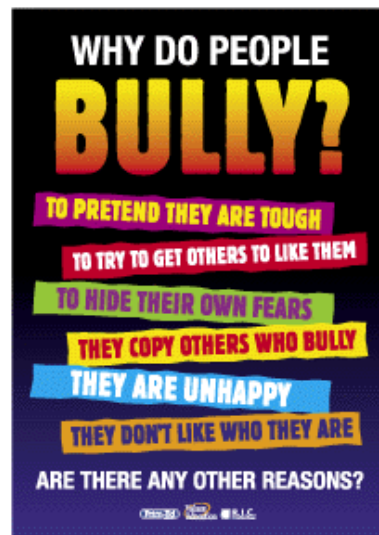
- All students are able to participate in Fun Friday if ALL of their classwork and homework is completed. If this does not occur, students will be working in a silent study hall on Friday afternoons called Friday Catch-up. The goal is to start every school week with a clean slate.

Homework Responsibility Forms

- Any student who does not complete a homework assignment must complete a Homework Responsibility Form and turn in their missing work by Friday morning. On these forms students have an opportunity to explain why their homework was not completed.

School Pictures

The entire student body will be photographed by Storytellers Photography on Wednesday, October 21st. A description of all the photo package details will accompany this reminder. Please return the envelopes with your choices immediately. Families who do not turn in their envelopes by Wednesday, October 21st will not be able to purchase school pictures retroactively.



Bullying Presentation

From October 19th - 21st, the entire school will be working through a unit on bullying. The curriculum for this unit consists of a video and small group activities. This bullying unit is a small piece of SMPA's Human Development Curriculum which will be continued throughout the school year.

Progress Reports

By now all families should have received 1st term progress reports either at the October 7th parent meeting or via mail. Please sit down with your student and review this snap shot of their overall progress for each of their classes. I encourage you to set goals with your student for the rest of the term and make plans as to how they will achieve those goals.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. We are able to set up a meeting with the teachers to help support you and your student.

Activity Fee & Service Hours

Reminders:

We are now more than halfway through the first term. Your Activity Fee must be paid in full for the first 3 months by the end of term 1. Two Service hours are also required during each term. If the activity fee and/or service component have not been completed, students will not be able to begin the next term until these requirements are satisfied.