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Tips for Success

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Spring Break!

Spring break never comes too soon! This is your last big break of the school year before you graduate. What are your plans? How can you enjoy your time off and also be productive?

PLAY! Use this time to balance an otherwise stressful schedule with some fun. Even if you're staying in town, there are opportunities aplenty to get out and lay your worries aside. Get some friends together to rock out on Guitar Hero, meet at the mall for a movie, or go ice skating downtown in City Square. If nothing else comes to mind, the word search in this newsletter will get your mind geared toward college life. :)

WORK! Spring break is also a great time to squeeze in a solid workweek to earn hours toward work experience or just some extra spending money. No job? Lend a helping hand by volunteering for a good cause (read below for ideas). Polish up your resume, finish up those scholarship applications, or get moving on college apps. Finally get around to writing THANK YOU cards to those teachers, coaches, and counselors who wrote you shining letters of recommendation.

The point? Use your break to better yourself and help others. This is the true sign that you're growing up and ready to leave high school. Enjoy!

Volunteering Opportunities

Want to add color to your resume, spice up your college entrance essays, and lend a helping hand all at the same time? Spring break is the perfect opportunity to volunteer your time and talent. There are countless volunteer opportunities out there, and one's bound to be something that will pull at your heartstrings.

Admissions officers and employers don't want to see just high GPAs and chess club participation. They want well-rounded young people who can see outside themselves to the needs of others less fortunate in their communities. This is the true test of your maturity and character.

Go to www.1-800-volunteer.org to get started!

This Month:

- Spring Break: Work and Play during your week off
- Volunteering
- Important Dates in March

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

~Anne Bradstreet

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**In the
spring, at
the end of
the day, you
should smell
like dirt.**

~Margaret Atwood



Spring Break Play (continued)

COLLEGE VOCABULARY

You'll really sound like Joe College when you use the collegiate terms of four or more letters that we've hidden in the diagram below. We have looped one word for you and provided the first letters of those remaining.

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A _____	D _____	G _____
B _____	D _____	G _____
B _____	E _____	H _____
C _____	E _____	J _____
C _____	F _____	L _____
C _____	F _____	L _____
D E A N F P R O F E S S O R O	L _____	M _____
E F M G L C A O G K O O B U C	M _____	M _____
V Y R A R B I L I P E D S N O	M _____	P _____
G Y N A G A S E H N N T I I U	S _____	S _____
F I M K T I D O S T U D Y V R	S _____	S _____
F R E T S E M E S D M J R E S	S _____	S _____
M C E E F O R O E I N S E R E	S _____	S _____
R L H S R U R N N O R C X S C	S _____	T _____
O T L E H O T O I R H I I I N	S _____	T _____
D B E N R M R T S T A T M T E	S _____	U _____
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G E T O X C P N B M D L L X C		
R Y U R U M A X E A M H L M S		
E H R D A R E H C A E T N A L		
E M E C T D M A J O R A V J H		

Important Dates in March

- 3/6 End of 3rd quarter
- 3/7 Inservice (no school) / TRIO students UAA Preview Day (see Mr. Bunton)
- 3/10-3/14 Spring Break (no school)
- 3/27 Parent/Teacher Conferences in the WHS library 11:45-2:30 and 4-7pm
- 3/28 Inservice (no school)
- 3/28 Citywide Career and Job Fair - 10am-4pm @ UAA Wells Fargo Sports Center
- 3/29 Last day to register for AP test(s)
- 3/31 Senior IB students' CAS projects due

THIS MONTH If you are planning on attending UAA in the fall, enrollment and registration start in April. Contact UAA to talk with an academic advisor to get the process started.