

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Attendance
- Quote of the Month
- Summer camps, jobs, etc.

Attending to your daughter's attendance - Seven Habits Style

While this is the last quarter of this year, attendance should continue to be a topic of conversation with your daughter. You can use the 7 Habits to help:

#1 Be proactive—the time to do something about attendance is now. Do not wait, thinking that next year will be different. If your daughter is excessively **absent or late**, resolve to do something about it now.

#2 Begin with the end in mind—Your daughter can be withheld from school activities should her attendance be lackluster. Don't complain when it happens, think about the consequences now.

#3 Put first things first—You chose YWPA because of the first class education that your daughter is receiving. Attendance (**absenteeism or tardiness**) plays a huge role in education. So if education is a #1 priority in your household so is attendance.

#4 Think Win-Win—If you take care of any attendance issues now, you won't have to receive a phone call about attendance nor will your daughter be in violation of her contract with the school.

#5 Seek 1st to understand, then to be understood—YWPA wants parents to understand that we take attendance very seriously.

#6 Synergize—Let's work together to make sure that your daughter comes to school every day on time. If there is an issue that is keeping your daughter from maintaining her attendance, we will find a solution that works for all involved parties. Feel free to contact Ms. Paillere, TRUST counselor, at ext. 2110.

#7 Sharpen the Saw—If we (school, parents, students) can collaborate on this together then we can focus on other important educational matters.

You are not alone, YWPA has zero tolerance for bullying

If you or someone you know is being bullied — rumors, humiliation, hitting, threatening looks, excluded or being picked on — there is help. There is the bully box located in the student services office or you can speak with Ms. Paillere, confidentially. At YWPA we want to continue to build a positive school culture where every young lady who walks through the door knows that it okay to just be herself.

Quote of the Month:

"Know first who you are and then adorn yourself accordingly."

Summer information we can all use and benefit

Whether you are looking for a summer camp to attend or a summer job, check out these websites for more information.

www.kidscamps.com

www.miamidade.gov/parks

www.southflorida.com/sfparenting

www.urgentinc.org

www.southfloridaworkforce.com

OR

You can use your time this summer to give back. Think about volunteering either at a camp, hospital, your local library, or a museum (Miami Children's Museum like volunteers in middle and high school).

Just be sure to have fun and use your time wisely during the summer. And that also means reading and studying. Yes studying. You can brush up on subject areas that are difficult for you. See your teacher prior to the end of the school year to ask about relevant websites or work that you can do in order to begin next school year with your best foot forward.

Remember to A.S.P.I.R.E.

A—Have the right attitude
S— Study everyday
P— Be proactive about your grades
I— Inquire from your teachers before you leave school for the summer what you can do during the summer for practice
R— Reflect on what you need to do
E— Your effort will reflect how well you do