

Update One- Friday July 3, 2009

Greetings from St. Thomas More School,

We've just completed the first week of the Summer Academic Camp and I could not be more pleased with the progress of the students. During my talk to the students on opening day, I told them that I will promise great grades to everyone 'if' they keep an open mind and let our system work for them. From all accounts, we're off to a great start.

My theme for this camp is a "Fun, Safe and Wholesome Summer" during which "every student will find success." However, I anticipate more than just academic success. I am foresee friendships, sportsmanship, personal responsibility and community obligation.

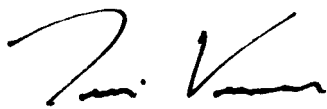
Over the past few days, the campers have had many new experiences: Nightly Study Hall, Academics in the Summer, Inner Tubing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Ultimate Frisbee, Room Inspection and many others. Most students have found a lot of enjoyment on Gardner Lake... the water temperature is an amazing 76 degrees. Beach Volleyball has also been a favorite activity.

The weather did not cooperate with us for the Wednesday field trip (we received almost six inches of rain!!!). The Connecticut Defender's game was rained out, so we took the campers to see "Transformers." Instead of a movie trip on Saturday, we will be going to play Laser Tag. Sunday, the camp will be going to Six Flags New England; it has some of the most thrilling land and water rides on the East Coast. Next Wednesday, we will try a baseball game once again; this time the New Britain Rock Cats, since the Defender's are out of town.

Time is going to fly by. Progress Reports grades are due on July 14th. They will provide you with a snapshot of how your son is doing; however, our 'safety nets' are already active. Extra help is held daily and an additional study hall is available in the afternoon for students who fall behind.

All faculty members have voicemail extensions. Please do not hesitate to contact your son's teacher / advisor at any time. Likewise, my lines of communication are always open. I look forward to an outstanding next few weeks and I will be back in touch next Friday.

Sincerely,



Tim Viands, Director