

“More” Notes for Parents



August 1, 2008
Summer Academic Camp

From the Director:

To All Members of the Summer Academic Camp Community:

Wheelbarrow race, balloon-toss, Honor Roll, improved self-esteem, study skills, friends from around the country and the world...certainly not your typical summer experience! I am thrilled to be writing you at the conclusion of a fabulous five weeks. The 2008 Summer Academic Camp provided students with unique opportunities to grow physically, morally, socially and academically and for the most part the students met or exceeded our high expectations.

Physically we had a spirited intramural athletic league, highlighted by a stunning win by Ms. Blake and Mr. Estabrooks team in Ultimate Frisbee. During the second activity period, students played beach volleyball, learned to sail, inner-tubed, kayaked and played spirited basketball and tennis games. On the last Thursday of camp, fifteen students attempted to swim across Gardner Lake with fourteen completing the half mile challenge! Field Day 2008 was a huge success. Old favorites such as the wheel barrel race, egg-spoon relay and swim races, along with new events such as a basketball shooting contest and a kayak race made for an outstanding day. Congratulations are extended to “Team Orange” on their win!

Socially we continued to learn from and about each other taking advantage of our incredible diversity. We had students enrolled from throughout the United States (Washington State, Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Maryland) and the world (Taiwan, China, Puerto Rico). On our excursions off campus we traveled to local theme parks and beaches and up to Water Country USA in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The challenges of living away from home and with forty-five other students can be challenging morally. Overall, the students made sound decisions, worked to resolve conflict and treated differences in culture or background as opportunities, not obstacles.

Academically we had a successful program with **61%** of the students making one of our honor rolls. Ten students earned a place on the Dean's List with all of their grades above 90%. Four students earned High Honors with their average grade above 90%. Ten students earned a spot on the Honor Roll with an academic average between 85% and 90% and two students achieved Effort Honors by earning all effort grades of "B" or better. Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate all of the students on their hard work both in and out of the classroom. Whether you are here with us in the fall or you are returning to your old school, remember that through hard work and consistent effort you are all capable of academic success!

Best of luck to you all,

Tim M. Viands
Dean of Students
Director of Summer Academic Camp

Additional note for parents whose son is taking courses for make-up credit and not returning for regular fall enrollment- Please forward contact information to Mrs. Pauline Burdick, school registrar, ASAP so we can mail out his summer academic camp transcript to the receiving school.

Upcoming Events & Dates:

Tuesday September 2nd- Opening Day / Registration
Sunday June 29th, 2009- Summer Academic Camp 2009

Camp News:

Attached you will find a comprehensive list of all awards given during the course of the Summer Academic Camp.

Contacting Faculty and Staff:

Every faculty and staff member has an email address and voicemail extension. Links to all email addresses can be found on our website- www.stmct.org. Feel free to contact your son's teachers, coaches, dorm parents and advisor.

