

## **REQUEST FOR HOMEWORK DUE TO VACATION BEYOND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Dear Parents,

Each year, we receive a number of requests for homework prior to parents taking their children out of school for vacation days during times when school is in session. While we appreciate the attempt to maintain academic continuity, it is important to recognize that even the most detailed assignments cannot substitute for classroom instruction and interactions. Missing academic time should be avoided except in cases of emergency or illness.

If you do find yourself in a position of making a request for work, please note that it is difficult to predict exactly what assignments will be given each day, as teachers regularly make instructional decisions and adjustments based upon what they observe as students progress through daily lessons. The best source for the most up-to-date information is OnCourse Classroom, and we encourage students who are not in school to check there to see what is being covered in class. Though even assignments on the website may not always be accurate due to a number of variables that may arise during the school day (fire or emergency drills, alternate schedules, adjustments in lesson pacing, etc.), a student who completes and turns in an assignment that is listed online will receive credit.

Your request for homework will be forwarded to your child's counselor to bring to the team of teachers. However, please recognize that for the aforementioned reasons, accurate projections of assignments and provision of work may not occur for all subjects. We appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Mark P. Mongon  
Principal