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Summer Enrichment

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Elementary - College

We often receive calls from parents who want to know how they can help their son or daughter improve their reading comprehension, math, foreign language, science or other skills. These questions very often come during the fourth quarter of the school year when parents realize that weak academic performance since September may actually be the result of a deficiency in the student's knowledge base.

Our advice to parents facing this dilemma is simple. If your child is experiencing academic difficulties in any subject area in April, allowing 10 weeks of summer vacation to pass with no enrichment activities will only compound the problem in September. Ensure a smooth transition in September by taking a proactive approach now. Summer enrichment can take on many forms. It can be flexible, fitting vacation and summer camp schedules. It can also be done in a casual, less stressful manner.

Reading does not have to involve Tolstoy; it can take the form of a favorite sports author, a cookbook, or a good mystery novel! Math can be tackled with mental math while shopping, keeping statistics for a summer swim team, or engaging in fantasy baseball to hone record-keeping and statistical analysis skills. All of this can be done in conjunction with a tutor who can provide focus and direction.

Our tutors work with clients to select a number of tutoring sessions throughout the summer that will ensure their child is prepared for September. The alternative is to wait until mid-term grades arrive in early October. That, in many instances, is too little, too late.

- Dr. Ralph G. Perrino

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NVTS News

- Check out the updates to our website! We continue to evolve www.nvtutoring.com to better serve you.
- You may have noticed by now that we have converted our accounting system. You can now receive your monthly invoice by e-mail instead of regular mail. We hope you enjoy the faster service this provides. If you have not yet received an invoice by e-mail and would like to, please send your address to: assistant@nvtutoring.com. If you would prefer to continue with regular mail, please let us know: 703-534-5779. Hard copies of tutoring timesheets are now kept on file in the office and are available upon request.
- Dr. Perrino has begun a series of public presentations about college preparation, admission, and funding with two local firms: Admissions Consultants of Vienna, Virginia, and Hughes Financial Solutions of McLean, Virginia. We are offering this presentation, titled "College: Preparing, Applying, and Funding" in Northern Virginia and the Maryland suburbs.
- Dr. Perrino and Denise Perrino, Theatre Arts Director at McLean High School, published an essay titled "Bringing Drama to the Core" in the May 2008 issue of *Washington FAMILY Magazine*. You can read it on our website www.nvtutoring.com.

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Free College Workshop: Preparing, Applying, & Funding

Parents – If your child is heading to college in the next couple of years, you do not want to miss this invaluable workshop; we will cover everything about college you should be concerned about and more – **FOR FREE!**

This is your chance to learn from leading local professionals in college prep, admissions and financing. We'll explore the key issues you and your child(ren) will face in the near future. Then we'll open the floor to your questions and concerns.

Here are just some of the topics we'll cover:

- Should you consider tutoring in high school?
- Should your child take an SAT/ACT prep course?
- How can you make your child more appealing academically?
- What is the best way to write a college admission essay?
- How can you maximize your eligibility for financial aid?
- How can you save on your out-of-pocket expenses for college?

Four convenient opportunities this summer:

June 28th from 3-5 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center

July 16th from 7-9 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center

July 29th from 7-9 p.m. at the Bloss Baptist Church in Arlington

August 5th from 7-9 p.m. at the Bechtel Conference Center in Reston

Call 877-855-1708 or check www.nvtutoring.com for more information.

Community

Many NVTS staff serve the community with their talents and hard work in a wide variety of ways that transcend tutoring. Some examples include:

- Serving in the National Guard;
 - Teaching for the Breakthrough Collaborative, a national non-profit that increases educational opportunity for high-potential, low-income middle school students and partners them with college and high school students who serve as teachers, role models, and mentors;
 - Volunteering at several theatres (Signature Theatre, Studio Theatre and The Shakespeare Theatre); the local NPR station, WAMU 88.5; and Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts;
 - Teaching Sunday school;
 - Volunteering for a variety of PTA positions ranging from classroom involvement and fundraising activities to serving on a scholarship selection committee;
 - Playing in the Fairfax County Deputy Sherriff's Pipe and Drum Band;
 - Volunteering at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria;
 - Serving as a Board member of the Residential Program Center in Arlington, VA;
 - Volunteering for various political campaigns;
 - Volunteering for Faith Communities United for Housing, FACETS, and other local organizations serving the homeless;
 - Serving as the ICM Chaplain for the employees of a local senior living community (ICM stands for the Industrial and Commercial Ministries, a non-denominational Christian service activity).
- At NVTS we take pride in the exceptional role models our staff provide to our students!