Mid-Quarter and Semester End Are Quickly Approaching

Hello PAG Members!

As we approach the mid-quarter, be mindful that the semester is almost at a close. Juggling daily homework, sports activities, service projects and the holidays, exams will be here before we know it. Therefore, it is very important to uphold and spearhead the focus on academics for our boys.

Following are tips to consider during this crucial time –

- Establish goals for mid-quarter and semester end in terms of grades – post them on the refrigerator or somewhere visible (let your son and his advisor drive this process to create accountability)
- Take advantage of on-site tutoring
- Attend daily help sessions in the morning
- Encourage your son to use study halls wisely
- Continue to build a good relationship with ALL professors
- If grades are on the fence, encourage your son to meet with his professor(s) to get guidance on how to improve before quarter and semester end
- Enquire about extra credit – very few professors make this available but it is worth a try, don’t leave anything on the table
- Put together a plan to stay on track or ahead of the game (i.e., reading a certain number of pages per night, studying for tests two days before and not just the night before, etc)
- Show confidence to your son academically. Success can be mental as well

Save the Dates!

Upcoming PAG Events

- November/December – Community Service Project: Women’s Shelter 8th Avenue North
- December 17th – Drop off gift bags to Women’s Shelter
- December 17th – Parent Social on the same day?
- January – PAG Meeting, Thursday, January 5, 2012 @ MBA at 6:30 p.m.
Special Announcements

Your help is needed!!!!!!
Gift Bag items needed for Women’s Shelter Service Project
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Hats (adults and children)
- Gloves
- Soap
- Socks
- Gift Bags

More details to come - please contact if you can help or have questions:
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This is our first service project. Let’s do our best to make a lasting impact in our community!

Other Stuff
- Please make your pledges or donations to the Annual Fund. In part, the money is used to fund scholarships/financial aid and reduce tuition costs. 100% participation from parents and faculty will ensure that MBA receives matching funds for our sons. Any amount is appreciated! It is most important to reach 100% participation.
- Coming Soon - Information about PAG dues. Collection will start soon - $25 per family, per year. Money will be used to establish a PAG Scholarship, support PAG events, and donate to the Annual Fund.
- PAG member, Miles Curry 2014, is spearheading the November service project for MBA. The project involves raising money for the Wounded Warrior Organization which aids soldiers who were wounded while servicing our country. Please give to this worthy cause. The contributions will be collected by your son’s advisory through Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th. They need our help!

- Support our PAG boys as they play Baylor in the football playoff game Friday.
- Also, let’s support all boys who are involved in sporting events and other activities. They love to see us there!
- If you have a message that you would like to include in this newsletter, please send your complete message to sbcurry@bcholdingsllc.com. Make sure that your communication is ready to just cut and paste. Time for writing and editing is extremely limited. Thanks!

Messages From Tim and Parents

“You find yourself when you get lost in the service of others.”
Message From The Headmaster

Dear MBA Parent Alliance Group:

I am privileged to work with you and your families. We are grateful your family is a part of the MBA commu-
nity. I appreciate the kind of balance and expression in your newsletter. It is imperative that we help your sons
realize how important their own balance is—personally, academically and extracurricularly. The best students
at MBA are the ones that see this full picture, and they enjoy the healthiest and most positive experience both
at MBA and afterwards.

My goal is to help you and your families achieve the most options for your sons beyond MBA and to have the
kind of experience that fulfills for them the goals of being a Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete. Specifically, I want
to help them develop strong integrity in their lives and actions. I hope that they will become very prepared aca-
demically, with the kind of fundamental knowledge, critical thinking skills, and curiosity about the world and
ideas that will enable them to be better and stronger students. I want for them to enjoy a rich and meaningful
variety of experiences while they are here. Encourage them to attend a concert or theater production if their
passions are athletic. If they like debate and more academic interests, urge them to attend an athletic event. We
want our young men to see the full spectrum of opportunities here and to participate as fully and widely as
they can.

I am grateful to share this time with all of you, and I want to get to know you and them as well as possible so
that we develop the kind of strong community and sense of family here that will make MBA a great extension
of your own lives. I also hope that your sons develop the lifelong friendships at MBA with both other students
and faculty that will sustain them their entire lives.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Bradford Gioia, Headmaster