

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September 22, 2011

So far, this year has moved very quickly for us here at Scattergood. Many parents and guardians know that this letter is a useful resource, but I will give a brief description of it to our new parents and guardians. In these letters I describe what has been going on at Scattergood in the last month, I also spell out what is coming up in the future (including important-to-parents facts like vacation dates). I want to make sure that parents and guardians are in the loop as much as possible!

Our first term was very busy. New students worked on learning about Scattergood while trying to figure out how to live in the dorm, manage their time and succeed in their classes. Many returning students found themselves in similar situations after a slow summer. Changing gears can be hard for many of us, but we do our best to help our students be successful in this transition. Camping weekend is upon us and has been traditionally a real highlight of this term; both students and staff will find themselves in the “great outdoors” (within the confines of FW Kent Park!). For some this will be a new experience that will hopefully prepare them for the next time they find themselves in a tent. However, if last year gives any indication, this weekend will be an enjoyable time for all!

Upcoming Events:

- Scattergood Days is on October 22-23, and as in the past, this is a closed weekend. Please see the enclosed schedule for an idea of the great events that day.
- Thanksgiving Break is November 19 through the 27th. As a reminder, no students are to be on campus over breaks; please make plans early, as we need to know in plenty of time so we can provide transportation when needed. Students may leave the Friday beginning the break after 4:00pm and must be gone by noon the following day. Students should plan on being back for the Dorm meeting on Sunday night at the end of break.

You will find your student’s Term One slip count and upcoming status at the bottom of this page. I am only printing specific slip records for students with over 7 slips. In case you need a reminder about the slip and status system, here are the pertinent facts:

- A student is allowed as many as 7 slips per term with no status consequences. There are daily consequences for getting a slip, such as having to attend structured study hall for an academic slip, or talking to the Dean (me) after the accumulation of several behavioral slips.
- “Status” mostly has to do with dorm time. At the beginning of the year, students start at the level of others in their class, i.e.: freshmen at 1S (10:00 pm dorm time), sophomores at 2S (10:20), etc.
- If a student gets more than 7 slips in one term, that student drops in status for the entire next term.

It is important for you to know that a slip count of seven or under means that your daughter or son is doing well in daily accountability. If the slip count is above that, it is a red flag for us that things are slipping, and we take what measures we can to support that student into greater accountability. Most students do very well in daily accountability and get few slips. A few students struggle with things like lateness, getting their academic work done, and skipping required activities. Once these students fall down to “campused” status, we try hard to help them clean up their act so that they don’t have to remain campused. If a student is campused for more than one term, and then gets 13 or more slips, this becomes a Major Rule Violation and gets sent to the Dean’s Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Shelley Hughes, Dean of Students

_____ received _____ slips during Term One and is currently at this status: _____