



May 12, 2009

Dear Parent,

High school is an exciting and important time in a student's academic career. The academic demands on high school students in Florida are high; in order to graduate, students must now declare a major area of interest, work 75 community service hours, and successfully pass the FCAT.

In order to ensure a smooth transition and a successful high school experience, we will hold a mandatory Freshman Orientation this summer for all FSUS incoming 9th graders. Your student must attend one of the two sessions offered: July 20-24 or July 27-31. Each session lasts five days and will run from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. **Please complete and return the Freshman Orientation Registration Form included in this information packet by Friday, May 22, 2009.**

The orientation will be held in the ninth grade lecture hall on the second floor of the middle school building. We ask that your child arrive on time as we have a full schedule planned. We would like to remind you that appropriate dress is mandatory; therefore, the school dress code will be enforced.

Please take a few moments to read the Freshman Summer Orientation sheet for a detailed explanation of the summer session. We are looking forward to meeting and working with your child this summer!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan Grantham
K-12 Principal

Jennifer Kinney
Guidance Counselor, 9-12

Sam Glickman
English Department

Vikki Shackelford
Assistant Professor
Chair, Reading Dept.

Jennifer Underhill
K-12 Media Specialist

Florida State University Schools Freshman Summer Orientation

Session I: July 20-24, 2009
Session II: July 27-31, 2009

Schedule: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
15 minute break at 9:45 a.m.

Included in the Orientation:

- Meet Dr. Jonathan Grantham, K-12 Principal, Mr. Russell Brock, 9-12 Assistant Principal, and Ms. Jennifer Kinney, 9-12 Guidance Counselor
- Learning styles inventory
- Team building exercises
- Reading strategies activity
- Writing activities
- How GPAs are calculated
- Information on College Admissions Tests: SAT, ACT, CPT
- Information about high school extra curricular activities: sports and clubs
- Sample projects from high school classes
- Q&A session with incoming 10th grade students
- Plagiarism and Noodletools
- Citing sources
- Quoting and paraphrasing
- How to use to the FSU library catalog
- Students meet for tour of Strozier Library and Goldstein Library on the FSU Campus on Friday. Students may only attend the Field Trip if they have attended the orientation Monday – Thursday. Parents must provide transportation for students to attend the tour of the FSU libraries.

Freshman Orientation Registration Form

Please detach and return this form by Friday, May 22, 2009, to your child's language arts teacher.

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Contact Phone Number _____

My child will attend: _____ Session I: July 20-24, 2009

_____ Session II: July 27-31, 2009