

Date: September 15, 2009
To: Parents/Guardians of SHS students
From: SHS Teachers and Administration
Re: Programs to Support Your Child's Academic Achievement

As part of our continuing effort to improve the quality of instruction and services available to our students, we are pleased to offer Study Table and Extra Help Wednesday.

Study Table is an after-school program that will ensure that our students are provided with extra time to complete missing assignments and an opportunity to receive extra help from qualified teachers and National Honor Society peer tutors. The SHS faculty will continue to raise expectations for all of our students, and we strongly believe that student achievement will improve through the implementation of this research-based, extra help program. Our goal is to continue to support the efforts required to maintain an EXCELLENT SCHOOLS rating in the State of Ohio.

Referrals for Study Table can originate from any teacher or student. In addition, a parent can contact their child's teacher to make arrangements for their child to receive extra help during a Study Table session. If a teacher assigns a student to Study Table, the student is required to attend. The referral may be based on missing homework assignments or because a student simply needs extra help in a particular subject. If a student fails to attend Study Table, they will be reassigned. Missing more than two Study Table referrals will result in disciplinary action.

Study Table will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:40 - 3:40 pm and will be monitored by an SHS teacher. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian or the student.

Beginning September 16th, the final 15 minutes of each Wednesday's class period will be set aside for small group instruction from the respective teacher or a peer tutor. Designating this extra help time during the regular school day is part of the High Schools That Work initiative, which focuses on high standards of academic rigor and finding ways to help students reach those standards.

Teachers will decide, on a weekly basis, which students should participate in the extra help time. In addition, students can refer themselves or parents may contact their child's respective teachers to request extra help in a specific subject area. Those students who are caught up with their work and understand the concept will use the time either to read or to study.

In order to preserve the academic climate, there will be no hall passes issued during this time for any reason. Classroom and building expectations are for each student to actively use the extra help being provided or to read/study quietly. During this time, respect for other students in the classroom will be highly regarded. Noncompliance with these expectations will lead to office referrals for disciplinary action.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support as we offer Study Table and Extra Help Wednesday. We are proud of our recent accomplishments, and are determined to continue to support student achievement and success.

Thank you!