

# PARENT UNIVERSITY

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#### WHAT IS PARENT UNIVERSITY?

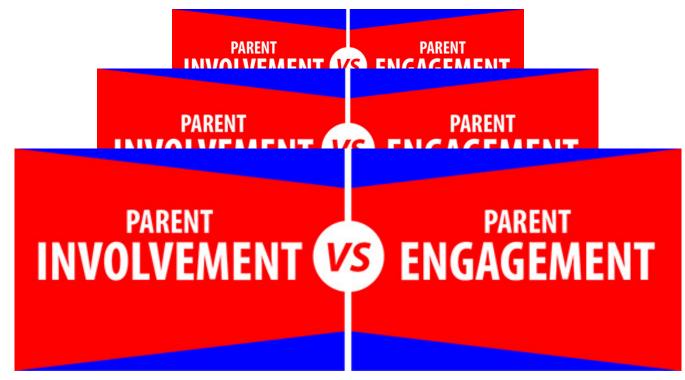
- Parent University is a collaborative initiative that allows parents, local community members, and stakeholders to engage in learning.
- Parent University is a program designed to improve the overall academic performance of the school, individual student performance and provide parents opportunities to grow.

#### WHY PARENT UNIVERSITY?

- Educate parents through 21st Century Learning
- Empower parents
- Build trust between student, parent, and school
- Increase student success
- Engage parents and build community climate and culture
- Build a network of experts and resources for families
- Create educational opportunities for parents



# Parent University gives parents the tools and knowledge to increase student success



#### Resources

## Parents want to help, but do they know how to help their child in the 21st century of education?



"I can't play video games with you after school. I have to help my father help me with my homework."

#### **Course Calendar**

Fall: 4 courses
August – ECHS and College Information Night
September – Technology 101
October – Organization, Study Habits and Time Management
November – Opportunities and Resources

Spring: 4 courses January – Health and Wellness February – Emotional Intelligence and Parenting March – Building and Maintaining Self-esteem April – Family Dynamics & Team Building

## ECHS and College Information Night

- 1. Introduction of staff
- 2. Title 1 information
- 3. Grading systems
- 4. Online learning systems Webadvisor, Blackboard, itslearning, Achieve3000, TTM
- 5. Policies and procedures
- 6. Communication for students and parents/FERPA
- 7. College resources
- 8. 1 to 1 technology expectations
- 9. Student and family resources



## Technology 101

- 1. Student technology systems
- 2. Parent login and stay plugged in
- 3. Systems we use in the classroom
  - a) FWISD: Achieve3000, Think Through Math, Itslearning, Onenote, Duolingo, Khan Academy, College Board, E-binders, Calendar, Edmodo, Powerpoint, Sway, Study Island, SAT/ACT Tutorials
  - b) College: WebAdvisor, Blackboard, Canvas TSI tutorial program
  - c) Communication: Remind101, Email, Focus



#### Organization, Study Habits and Time Management

- 1. Based on AVID strategies
- 2. Agendas
- 3. Backwards Mapping in calendar/reminders
- 4. E-binders
- 5. Cornell Notes—study strategies
- 6. Peer tutorials/tutoring
- 7. Building relationships with professors
- 8. Time Management—what are your rocks?



#### **Opportunities and Resources**

#### **School Resources:**

- a) Counseling Services
- b) INOK
- c) Social Emotional Service
- d) Community Service Programs



## **Opportunities and Resources**

College Resources:

- a) Disability Services
- b) Career Services
- c) Veteran Services
- d) Community Outreach: A mobile program created to equip individuals and their families with the resources needed to succeed in higher education by participating in events throughout the community.
- e) Dental Hygiene Clinic: Our Northeast Campus Dental Hygiene Program students perform preventative services under the direct supervision of full-time and part-time licensed faculty in a dedicated clinic.
- f) Faith-Based Outreach: A program designed to inform, prepare and support families in higher education by partnering with other institutions in the community.
- g) Family Empowerment Center: A South Campus center designed to help you get into and complete college—even if economic or other barriers have been holding you back—while supporting quality of life for your family.
- h) Visions Unlimited: A program available at our South Campus which aims to empower the homeless in higher education.

#### Health and Wellness

- 1. Intro to teenage health and wellness
- 2. Calorie intake for adults/teenagers
- 3. Nutrition for adults/teenagers
- 4. Proper hydration
- 5. Activity/exercise—pedometers
- 6. Parent engagement—drum fit
- 7. Healthy lunch/snack options

#### **Social Emotional**

Use of Title 1 Funds to hire outside vendor/presenter.

We have used Experiential Solutions\*–Michael Brown

- Emotional intelligence and parenting
- Building and maintaining self-esteem
- Family dynamics and team building (family night)

\*Experiential Solutions also works with our students on mentoring, team building activities, and special topics.



## DESIGNING YOUR OWN PARENT UNIVERSITY

- What are your school's needs?
- What are your goals for the program?
- Who is coordinating the event?
- What resources do you have?
- What funding do you have?
- What are course topics of interest to your parents/community?
- Who should you get involved?



#### Institution of Higher Education Partnership

#### **Academic Programs and Degrees**

Enroll in convenient, affordable and flexible college credit courses to help you jumpstart your career.

#### **Community & Industry Education (CIE)**

Enroll in convenient, affordable and flexible non-credit programs to help you grow in your professional and personal life.



## Institution of Higher Education Partnership

#### **PERSONAL ENRICHMENT & LEISURE**

- Knowledge can enhance your quality of life.
- We offer a wide variety of courses to help you reach your personal improvement goals. Some areas of personal enrichment/personal interest classes include:
  - <u>Arts & Crafts</u>
  - Dance, Music & Theater
  - Languages (see also ESL)
  - Motorcycle Riding
  - <u>Photography</u>
  - Physical Fitness, Recreation & Sports

#### **Community and Vendors**

- Guests and keynote speakers
- Community resources (YMCA, Goodwill, local churches and community centers)
- Local Rotary Club
- School board, local government agencies
- Local businesses
- 4-year universities
- Your IHE



#### Questions?

## Thank you!