

Family Nights

Blaine Middle School
Ideas and Tips

Ideas
For Engaging Family Nights

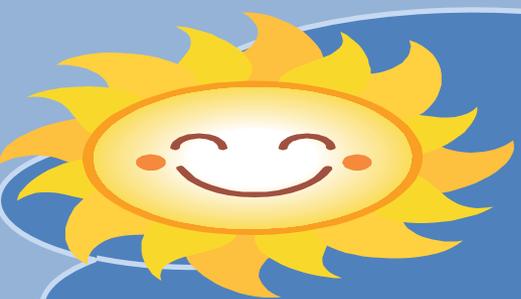
- *Passports*
- *Stations*

Passport to Summer

- *Objective: Families will learn about summer opportunities to keep their children engaged in academics.*
- *Procedure:*
 1. *Students receive a passport as they sign in.*
 2. *At each station students complete an activity in their passport.*
 3. *Completed passports are entered in a drawing at the end of the night.*



Come join us for...
The Passport to Summer Family
Night

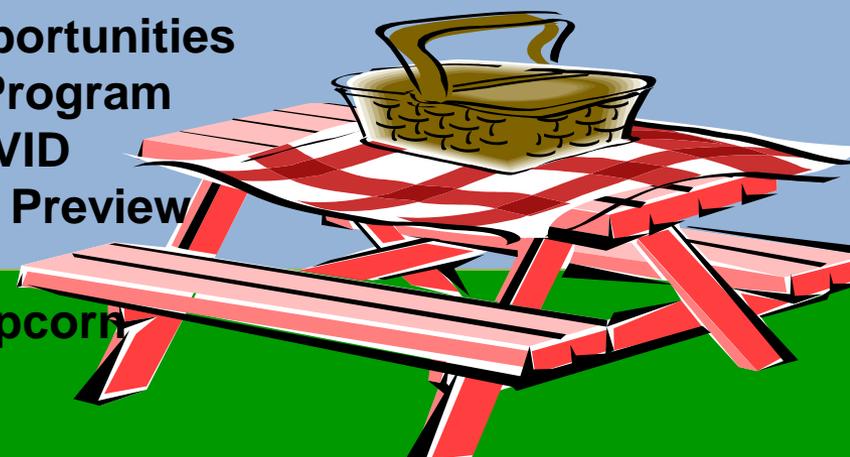


Tuesday, June 12th
Blaine Middle School
Cafeteria

5:30 – 7:00

Sponsored by the GEAR UP Grant

Cost: Free!

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- **Summer Program Opportunities**
 - **Summer Reading Program**
 - **Learn About AVID**
 - **Middle School Math Preview**
 - **Dunk Tank**
 - **Hot dogs and Popcorn**

Summer Reading Programs



AVID



Summer Youth Programs



Math Games



Passport to ...

- *Family Resources (transit, financial literacy, homework help)*
- *Career and College Readiness*
- *Vocations*
- *Student Success*



EXPLORE your future...

Objective: Analyze the results of the EXPLORE test individually to determine areas of strength and improvement in order to plan a course for high school with career and college goals in mind.



EXPLORE your future!

FAMILY NIGHT FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

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Wed. February 27th @ 5 p.m. in the Blaine Middle School Cafeteria
Dinner will be served

- *Pre-Register for High School*
- *Get your results of the EXPLORE test*
- *Plan for High School and beyond!*

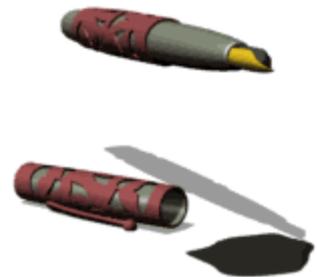


Find out where you stand now, determine plans & goals for High School, and create a plan to get on track for college.

Three Stations

- 1. Where do I stand right now? Analyze the Results of the EXPLORE and make goals based on the results.*
- 2. What are my plans and goals after high school? Career exploration using the World of Work Map and the ACT website.*
- 3. Am I on track? Coursework planning for high school.*

**Refer to the handout.*



High School 101

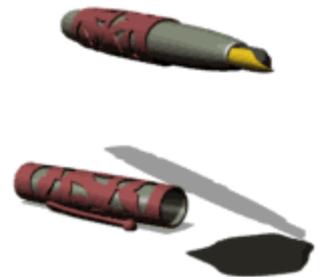
- *Objective: To get students excited about high school and give parents and students tips about what to expect in high school.*
- *Procedure:*
 1. *Divide students and parents into two separate groups to hear about tips and advice for how to survive high school.*
 2. *Meet back as one group to hear an encouraging presentation from a high school teacher.*
 3. *Eat*

High School 101

- *Parent to Parent Group: Parents of students who have had students graduate through our district share tips and answer questions.*
- *Teen to Teen Group: Senior and Junior AVID students share tips and advice on how to do well in high school and answer questions.*

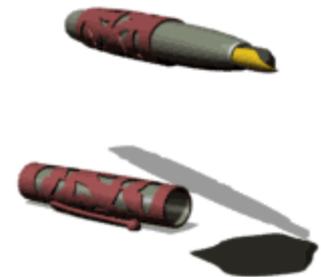
Tips

- *Advertising*
- *Attracting Families*
- *Food*
- *Speakers/Community Resources*
- *Incentives*



Advertising

- *Fliers go home with students*
- *Fliers linked to website*
- *Emails sent via Skyward*
- *Daily Announcements to build interest*



Getting them there...

Timing

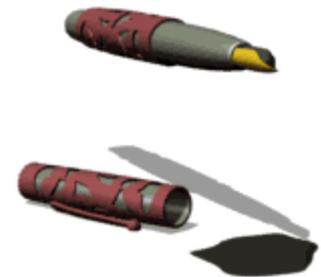
- *Time events right after sports practice. Parents have to come pick up kids and parents and kids are hungry.*
- *At the end of the semester or quarter, especially if teachers offer extra credit.*

Open Invitation

- *Welcome all family members.*

Relevancy

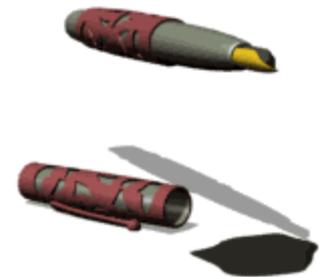
- *Ask parents and students what they want to hear more about.*



Food Ideas

Make your own

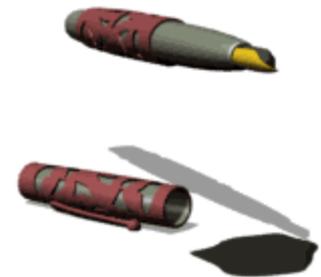
- *Cash and Carry: Pulled Pork \$35 box of already cooked shredded pork (add your favorite bbq sauce) serves 80 people. Simply heat in a roaster pan.*



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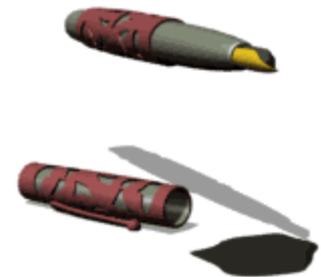
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- *Hot dogs*
- *Baked Beans (serve in a cup)*
- *Lasagna (already frozen and made)*



Speakers

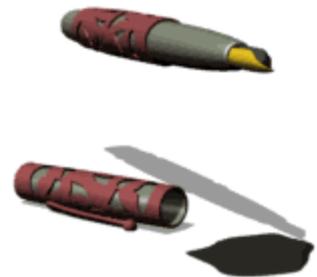
- *Teachers speaking from parent perspective*
- *AVID students or AP students speak from a student perspective*
- *Ask your resident experts to offer tips such as reading specialist/librarian, math teachers share tips about how to help at home, local library (homework help), local universities*



Incentives

- *Extra Credit at the end of the quarter or semester.*
- *Dunk Tank (paid for by school)*
- *Bracelet thumb drives*
- *Water bottles*
- *Pencils*
- *Late passes*

**People like to leave with something.*



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