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'GAMI GUIDANCE NEWS YOU CAN USE

You Don't Care What Other People Think?

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Reputation is what you are reputed for, what you are known for. Teachers have reputations for being great lecturers, or for being very demanding, or very organized. Your reputation is what other people think or know about you. Many high school students will tell me "I don't care what other people think." I am asking you to seriously consider that statement. What other people think has a lot more to do with you than you might want to believe.

What other people think has a lot to do with your college opportunities. College admissions people will review your application and based on what they "think" of you they will offer you admission to your dream school or deny your request. A coach will award you a starting position based on what he "thinks" of your effort, skills and attitude. The job of your dreams will only be yours if the people who interview you think you're great!

Whatever you think, please realize that what other people think has a lot to do with you and your future opportunities. This brings us back to reputation.

What is your reputation? There is no doubt that it is easier to build a good one than it is to repair a bad one – that being said it is never too late to start doing the right thing.

So what makes up your reputation? There are 3 keys according to one wise man I recently spent some time with. He would say everyday there are 3 things that make up your reputation... 1. What you know 2. What you can do 3. How

you treat other people

Let's elaborate on each one...

First, "What you know." Are you a serious student? Do you pay attention in class? Do you offer up answers? Do you ask pertinent questions? Can you do upper level math? Do you know another language? Can you quote a famous poet? **What you know** has a lot to do with your reputation.

Next, "What you can do." Can you speak another language? Can you hit a baseball out of the park? Can you dunk a basketball or slap a cement job on someone? Can you build your own webpage? Can you run like the wind? Can you sing, act, or dance? Can you play chess or a piano? **What you can do** has a lot to do with who you are as well as your reputation!

Finally, "How you treat other people." Do you show respect to others? Do you respect yourself? Do you have self control? Do you demonstrate good sportsmanship in victory as well as defeat? Do you demonstrate common courtesy? **How you treat other people** is certainly something that lingers and plays a great part in your reputation.

Address these 3 points and make your reputation work for you. Be the best student you can be, always ask questions, prepare through study and focus, read regularly– build "What you know". Practice, practice, practice, and work hard to develop "what you can do". Last but not least, choose to be a kind and fair person. If you are genuine, "how you treat other people" will be remembered.

Do YOU KNOW?

Absegami Guidance Goodies...



Do you know how to sign up to meet and spend time with College Representatives?

They come from all over including many of the area's top universities, colleges, and technical schools! You can do this almost everyday in the fall right here at 'Gami! The Guidance Office hosts College Reps almost every day– check the calendar on the reverse of this sheet or go down to guidance and look on our easel for the schedule. Most reps meet in the Guidance Conference Room or Career Lab, large groups may meet in the PAC or Library. All you need to do to make a personal connection is sign up in the "College Rep Book" next to where you swipe in down in Guidance. Passes are available to get you to the presentation, you just need to mark in your agenda the day and time– then show your classroom teacher your pass to come down. You do need your classroom teacher's permission to attend– so be sure to take care of your responsibilities on a daily basis!

Go to Guidance, meet a College Rep, make a connection!

WEBSites you NEED NOW...

Collegeboard.com The all-everything site in regard to the SAT, and college admissions help.

Actstudent.org The other college entrance exam is getting more popular and has a different format.

Fastweb.com This free scholarship site will send you scholarship news everyday plus so much more!

Cappex.com This new site matches up colleges to your profile– check it out!

What do you think...

"Have I not destroyed my enemy if I've made a friend of him?"

Abraham Lincoln

Sept/Oct'07 Guidance Calendar

- September 20-** Back to School Night 7pm
- September 21-** No School for Students– Teacher In-Service
- September 24-** American University College Rep 11am sign up for all college reps in the guidance office!
- September 25-** Washington College of Maryland, 11:45am
- September 26-** Gettysburg College 8am
- October 1-** Albright College 1pm
- October 2-** Senior Portraits “Final Opportunity”, See Mr Morris, Mr Friend, or call Davor @ 1-800-OUR– YEAR our code is #196
- October 3-** Franklin and Marshall College 1pm
- October 5-** No School for Students– Teacher In-Service
- October 9-** New Jersey City University 10am
- October 11-** Lebanon Valley College 1pm
- October 12-** Arcadia University 1:15pm
- October 16-** Widener University 8:30am
- October 17-** TCNJ– The College of New Jersey 11:30am
- October 20-** PSAT @ Absegami \$13 pre-Registration only in the guidance office, doors open at 7:15am
- October 22-** Temple University 1pm
- October 24-** Montclair State University 9am
- October 26-** Hofstra University 8:30am, College Fair @ Mainland Regional (parental permission slip required) 9am to 11:30am
- October 29-** University of New Haven CT 9:15am, Wilkes University 10am, **Red Ribbon Week Starts** with Motivational Media 3 Giant Screens Presentation “Voices” in the PAC.
- October 30-** Manhattan College 1pm
- October 31-** Happy Halloween! University of Rhode Island 8:30am, Sacred Heart University 11am.
- November 1-** **RR Week Dress-in-Red Day!** Great prizes!

PROGRAMS/OPPORTUNITIES

- SAT Prep is available at Absegami this fall– starts Thursday Sept 27- Sign up by calling Mrs Fran Campbell at 652-2473 ext 2445 and sign up TODAY! Math and Verbal Prep available!
- Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point has an active Medical Explorer’s Group! Call Miss Jennifer Qualitieri at 653-3724 and start attending this month!
- Shore Memorial Hospital also has a Junior Volunteer Program- Call the Volunteer/Auxiliary Office at 653-3543 and get set up for the summer NOW!
- East Coast Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine is looking for student volunteers to work in their office! Call Kim Rullis at 748-2922 Today!
- Are you into animals? Join the Philadelphia Zoo’s Junior Zoo Apprenticeship Program! See your counselor for details or goto www.philadelphiazoo.org today.
- A career in travel? Go to www.thetravelacademy.com
- Help OUR School– Join the Absegami Parent-Teacher-Student Association TODAY– applications available in the Main Office. Membership fee is \$6
- www.questbridge.org has a National College Match Program which

provides full four year college scholarships– check it out today!

- The Society of Automobile Engineers– SAE– Annual scholarship is available in Guidance or on-line at www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm
- Susquehanna University has several Action Days starting Monday October 8 go to www.susqu.edu for more info.
- Interested in Service and Government? The Congressional Awards Program rewards the achievement and initiative of teenagers go to www.congressionalaward.org
- The Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fair Week is set for November 10 to 15– The closest location to ‘Gami is Burlington Community College in Pemberton on November 12, For more info call Lori Howard at 777-0800.
- SENIORS– The HSPA will be here on October 2, 3, and 4– Language Arts Prep is available September 25, 26, and 27 in room 410. Math Prep is in room 629 on Tuesday Sept 25 and Thursday Sept 27- Get there and prepare yourself to meet the challenge of this High School graduation requirement!

Personal Care...

- Are you or a friend struggling with substance use? It’s not too late to get out... Identifying a weakness and dealing with it in a positive way is a sign of strength! You can do this, you need to do this, and deep down you know that you want to be better– you can get out of the ugly cycle that is addiction! Here is one place for confidential and free help... Atlantic County’s **TRYIT– Treating Recovering Youth In Transition**. Call Jake Straughn or Greg Mayer at 645-7700 ext 4331 or ext 4334. Start feeling like yourself again Call TODAY!
- **Do you want to FIGHT someone?** Don’t do it! Use Mediation– it’s quick, CONFIDENTIAL, and it works! See any teacher, counselor, or mediator for a request form.
- Issues with eating or body image? Learn more at www.renfrewcenter.com and start helping yourself or a friend.

ACADEMIC Help is AVAILABLE...

- **TUTORS Available in the Guidance Office...** Submit a National Honor Society Tutor Request Form TODAY!
- **WEEKLY Progress Reports are available in the Guidance Office and offer great teacher feedback.**
- **Late Study Tues, Weds, Thurs for Math 4:30-6:30. Thurs for Science and Math at ‘Gami 4:30 to 7:30pm in the “Gami Library! Mon through Fri 5-8pm @ Rittenberg in EHC– See your counselor for more details and an application packet for EHC!**
- Make sure your parents are on ParentConnect! Go to www.absegami.net for registration details!