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Tips to ace math class this school year



(StatePoint) Math is often the most challenging class in a student's course load. But it doesn't have to be. Follow these tips to prevent feeling frazzled and overwhelmed this school year:

Find study buddies: Staying on top of your A-game can be as simple as making some friends in your class. Find some study buddies to remain accountable and work through difficult problems together.

Check in with your teacher: If you are having trouble with any particular concept, don't be afraid to reach out to your teacher. Ask questions during class or request to see them before or after class for a little extra support.

Equip yourself to succeed: A well-designed scientific calculator can simplify learning and make test days less stressful. The fx-300ES Plus B 2nd Edition from Casio is affordable, user-friendly and a good choice for everyday math needs. Its Natural Textbook Display shows results and formulas as they typically appear in textbooks, making it easier to read and understand complex equations, and its clearly labeled buttons are intuitive to use. With a total of 262 functions, it's great for middle school, high school and college stu-

dents across a variety of mathematical subjects, including algebra, trigonometry and statistics. Plus, it's reliable and convenient. With a single AAA battery, its efficient power supply lasts approximately three years, and its slim size easily fits into backpacks, bags and drawers.

Don't save math homework for last: If math is not your favorite subject, it can be tempting to put this homework off for last. Don't. To avoid burnout, consider approaching the subjects that are most difficult for you when you're still fresh.

Get help online: Free online resources can help you gain more practice and improve your math skills. For example, Casio's ClassPad.net offers a clean, versatile workspace for performing essential primary computational and trigonometric functions, visualizing expressions and analyzing functions. There are also many YouTube and TikTok content creators offering math tutorials and advice, along with demonstrations on how to make the most of specific calculator models.

With new study habits and the right tools, you can ensure math class is fun, engaging and never a source of stress.

The School Search Is Changing: National Education Strategist explains what every parent needs to know before choosing the right school

PRNewswire/ -- The back-to-school season is just around the corner, which means millions of parents are making school decisions. Gone are the days when children simply attend the school assigned by their address. Today, families have more educational choices than ever before, from public and charter schools to private schools, specialized programs and home-schooling. With so many options available, selecting the right educational path has become one of the most important decisions a family will make.

"Choosing a school is not just about where a child will spend the next year. It is about shaping their future," says Michelle Smith, Founder and Chief Education Strategist of Independent Education Group. "Families do not just need help finding a school. They need a trusted education advisor who understands their child's goals, advocates for their needs and helps them make thoughtful decisions throughout every stage of the educational journey."

As a nationally recognized education strategist, Smith works with families across the country not only during the admissions process, but throughout a student's educational journey. Independent Education Group provides personalized educational planning, helping families navigate transitions, identify opportunities, overcome challenges and build long term strategies that support each child's academic, social and personal growth.

With so many options available beyond neighborhood public schools, families may choose charter schools, independent schools, specialized academic programs, faith based education or homeschooling. Others simply are not aware of the opportunities available to them or believe their choices are limited by geography or finances. Regardless of a family's goals, there are often more educational options within reach than they realize.

According to the Pew Research Center, traditional public schools tend to be larger than any other type, charter school teachers are the most racially and ethnically diverse, and private school teachers tend to be slightly older and have more experience than teachers in charter schools. Understanding these differences, as well as each school's culture, academic approach, support services and opportunities, is critical when determining the best educational fit for a child.

Rather than simply helping families choose a school, Smith's work is built around

five foundational pillars that provide year-round support:

The Five Pillars of Educational Success

- Vision: Developing a personalized educational vision that reflects each student's strengths, interests and long-term goals.
- Strategy: Creating a customized road map that helps families confidently navigate every educational milestone.
- Guidance: Providing ongoing support through regular touch points, educational workshops, planning sessions and



Michelle Smith

trusted advice throughout the year.

- Advocacy: Helping families navigate challenges, transitions and important educational decisions while ensuring every child's needs remain the priority.
- Opportunity: Identifying educational pathways, scholarships, specialized programs and opportunities many families may not know exist.

Here are additional things every parent should know when navigating the school selection process:

There are more options than many families realize. Parents are not limited to choosing between their neighborhood public school and homeschooling. Exploring all available educational opportunities can open doors that better fit a child's needs.

- Learning styles matter. Understanding a child's personality, strengths, interests and learning style is essential when selecting the right educational environment. Students are more likely to thrive when they are in a setting that complements how they learn best. The right fit makes a lasting difference. School culture, teaching philosophy, support systems, extracurricular opportunities and academic expectations all contribute to a child's confidence, growth and long-term success. Thoughtful educational decisions today can influence opportunities for years to come.

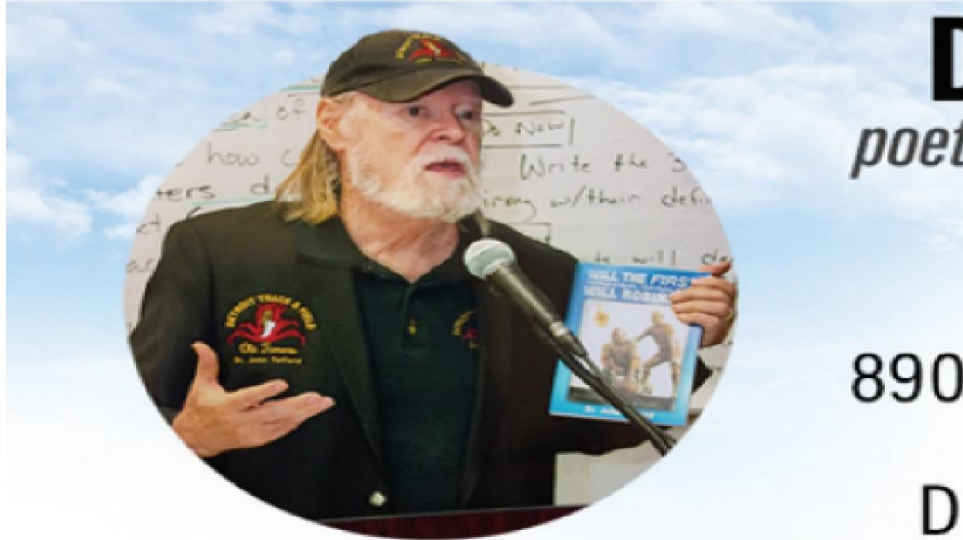
Affordability should not be a barrier. Many families assume private education is financially out of reach. However, scholarships, tuition assistance, tax benefits and other financial opportunities may make additional options more accessible than they expect.

Families do not have to navigate it alone. Working with an experienced education strategist can help parents avoid costly mistakes, uncover opportunities and make informed decisions with greater confidence.

"Families deserve more than admissions assistance. They deserve a trusted partner who helps them make thoughtful educational decisions year after year," said Smith.

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