EIS/TS has some exciting activities planned for all active participants. The after school workshops will begin in October. They will again be conducted by Hortencia Cuevas, the EIS/TS Middle School Coordinator. All participants must attend the workshops on a regular basis to be able to participate in the field trips. Please remind your parents the days you will be staying after school. They are held every week after school according to the following schedule:

Lynwood on Tuesday in Room T12
Gage on Wednesday in the Library
Franklin on Thursday in Room 204

The Fifteenth Annual Career/College Information Day (CCID) will be held on January 27, 2006 on the CSU Long Beach campus. Students will be able to sign-up for career based workshops facilitated by professionals from the community.

Three or four students from each school site will be chosen to participate in the Student Leadership Conference that will be held this year at Mount St. Mary’s on Saturday, February 11, 2006. Participants will be joined by ten additional middle school students from the other Talent Search program at CSU Long Beach and other TRiO participants in southern California. Your Pre-College Advisor will have more information on this event in January.

We will be planning a college campus field trip to tour a local college campus in the spring. Please let your Pre-College Advisor know if there is a particular local college you would like to visit. The other outing we will be planning for this fall is a cultural field trip to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Franklin on November 4, 2005 and November 10, 2005; Lynwood will be attending on November 18, 2005.

All active EIS/TS participants are able to attend the field trips, with parental and teacher permission, even those who might be off track at the time of the trip. The Pre-College Advisor will have the appropriate slips about three weeks before each event.
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Homework Club

The Homework Club will continue at each school one day a week immediately after school for one hour—Mondays at Gage in the Library, Tuesdays at Lynwood in the Library and Thursdays at Franklin (room to be determined)—the Pre-College advisor will be available after school to provide homework help to those who attend. If you are in need of tutorial assistance, we highly encourage you to attend. We would like to limit the group to 10 students each session so that all who attend can get their questions answered. Students will be grouped by subject matter to facilitate the process. Students attending will be given 2 points for participating and staying the entire time. If you are already participating in an after school tutorial program, please feel free to continue attending those sessions.
The goal of the “Journal Buddies” program is to encourage middle school participants to expand their writing skills and for the college student to have a role model effect on the student. Every effort will be made to match the backgrounds and interests of the mentor and mentee as closely as possible. They will communicate through a journal that will be provided with a photo of each person. Twice a month the two will write back and forth to each other on various topics that will be provided.

We will make every effort to have you meet your mentor at least twice a year—either on a field trip, the CCID or at the year-end recognition night. The mentor will also be invited to attend an after-school workshop where the participant will introduce his/her mentor, and mentor will speak to the group about his/her college experiences.

We ask that all applicants fully commit to the program and are dedicated to the Journal Buddies program for the whole year.

**Reward points can be deducted** for disruptive behavior during workshops or field trips. For example, if a student is caught being disruptive during the field trip, two points will be deducted and he/she will be banned from attending any future field trips. If a student is disruptive during the workshop, two reward points will be deducted and he/she will be given a verbal warning.

The Pre-College Advisor will now be keeping track of the points you earn and use. As you earn points, a card will be marked and as you use them, they will be punched. This will protect you from losing and/or forgetting your points at redemption time. The point cards will be kept in your EIS/TS file.

Points can be redeemed twice a year in December and June. Student reward points will be kept this year in your file by the PCA. Points can be redeemed for prizes such as pens, pencils, folders, logo laces, candy bars, CD cases, radios and program T-shirts. All points must be redeemed by the end of each year. See your PCA and start earning your points!
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