



Dear Parents of MIT 8<sup>th</sup> Graders,

Moving into high school is a major transition for your child—more independent decision-making, more academic expectations, and more opportunities to define their path to the future.

MIT wants to make that transition as smooth and seamless as possible. With that goal in mind, all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> freshman are expected to attend the new ***Get Focused...Stay Focused!*** program this August.

***Get Focused...Stay Focused!*** is a Solano Community College-MIT High School partnership program that prepares your child for success in college:

- Your child will **arrive at college** with a complete Career & Education Plan. This **plan is meaningful and motivational** because your child does the planning in a well-designed and structured process beginning this summer and continuing in Advisory in grades 10-12. f
- Your child will earn 6 college credits—3 this summer and 1 each year after.
- Your child will gain the **skills necessary to become a self-sufficient researcher and planner** of his or her own future.
- Your child will use college materials that meet Common Core State Standards, thus getting a head-start on high school level English Language Arts requirements.

***Get Focused...Stay Focused!*** is August 1-5, 8:00-4:45, with free lunch provided. PLEASE RESERVE THIS TIME NOW IN YOUR FAMILY SCHEDULE, as it's essential that your child attend. Regular MIT Academy rules and policies will apply. (Please see Ms. Toy's attached Summer School letter for more details about the rules.)

We will be sharing more information with you as we work with Solano Community College to refine our plans and activities, but for now I've provided 2 links for you to learn more about the *Get Focused...Stay Focused!* Program:

<http://www.getfocusedstayfocused.org/>

[http://getfocusedstayfocused.org/parents\\_corner.php](http://getfocusedstayfocused.org/parents_corner.php)

I am very excited about the *Get Focused...Stay Focused!* program. Your child will learn a lot, have a lot of fun, and be a lot better prepared for high school...and college!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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