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Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!

Team Infinity is proud to have your son/daughter for the upcoming year. We are excited to be working with you to provide your child the highest quality education possible.

COMMUNICATION

We believe we have the finest parent communication on the Rancho Pico campus. Through our constantly updated Web site, you should be able to find out what is being covered in any of our classes. In addition, there are e-mail links for all of us and we can get back to you in a very reasonable amount of time. While we are happy to speak with you on the phone, e-mail will always get you faster communication results. In addition, Team Infinity is proud to be using SnapGrades, one of the finest Web-based grade programs around. Each student will be receiving a personal log-in and each family will be receiving an additional two – one for each parent or guardian. You may also activate e-mail alerts that will keep you abreast of your son/daughter's progress. You can check your child's grade seven days a week, 24 hours a day. **WE URGE YOU TO SIGN UP FOR THESE E-MAIL ALERTS.** The team will also be sending out periodic e-mails that will cover important events and/or assignments due.

HOMEWORK

Expect homework every night. The advantage of block scheduling is that students have two nights to do their homework. They will be held accountable. Students will be given two "privilege passes" per quarter in each class. These will allow students to complete missed homework assignments for half credit. Privilege Passes can also be used for restroom usage and any unused privilege passes can be used for raffles we are planning in December and June. Homework will always be posted either on SnapGrades or on the individual teacher Web sites. In addition, we require that students write down their homework in their Rancho Pico agendas. Please check them daily, so your child can be held accountable both at home and in the classroom.

TEAM SPIRIT

We believe the middle school experience should not only be educational, but there should also be an element of fun! Team Infinity t-shirt order forms will be sent home, and we encourage every student to purchase one. In addition, we will be planning quarterly team activities such as bowling, the movies and an end-of-the-year team barbecue in which we encourage student participation. We will be sending home flyers, e-mails and phone calls as we firm up these quarterly events. We also will have a trip to Magic Mountain in the spring and finish up with the annual Disneyland trek right before Promotion. We truly want your son/daughter to enjoy the eighth grade experience.

DONATIONS

This is a very tough budget year. We will do the very best we can to make this transparent for the kids. We can always use donations of the following items: assorted colored paper, tissues, hand sanitizer (large bottles), \$5 gift cards for our raffles to places like In-N-Out, Jamba Juice and other teenage hangouts. In addition, we will need parent volunteers for some of our team events such as our team barbecue. We will call for volunteers as the events come up.

FINALLY. . .

We believe your child's success depends on three factors – student effort, teacher effort and parent effort. The more involved you are in your child's education, the better the results. This is an important year to work out any issues before high school. We truly care about seeing every student succeed and hopefully, as you get to know us, you will see this philosophy in action. We look forward to a great school year!