



# The Coach Is In

A quarterly newsletter from **MY STUDY COACH**  
for parents and teachers of students grades 3-12.  
*Connecting learning to living faith!*

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*Success  
one assignment  
at a time!*

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## TIPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

### Strong Study Habits Pay Off

**E**very one of us entered “the world of work” long before we drew our first paycheck. And for each of us, our first job was the same—the lifelong work of learning, growing, becoming a real person.

Young students today start out with that same full-time job. They, too, are in the long-term process of discovering and becoming the unique person God desires them to be. Their “work” is to bring forth from their treasure trove of self the unique, gifted, amazing person God first dreamed eons ago.

But the task of learning and growing can be overwhelming, and students cannot take on that task alone. With the help of caring adults, students can successfully participate in the formation and emergence of their unique personhood. And they do that one grade level, one class, one assignment at a time. How? Here are three tips for academic—and lifelong—success:

**Tip #1:** Remind your student that he—like you—has a full-time job. *Being on time and prepared to learn* are some of the “job expectations.”

**Tip #2:** Help your student to *name the obstacles* that might hold her back from her best performance.

**Tip #3:** Ask your student: *What will success look like* for you this year? This week? On this assignment?

**My Study Coach** is not a family member, but comes in as a “trusted adult,” a specialist who can see your young student with fresh eyes and a clean history slate, to coach, work with, raise the performance threshold, set high expectations, encourage, and relate to on a respectful one-to-one basis.

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## A QUOTE THAT CAUGHT OUR ATTENTION

*We make  
a living by  
what we get;  
we make  
a life by  
what we give.*

Sir Winston Churchill

### *Our Mission*

**MY STUDY COACH** is dedicated to helping students in grades 3-12 to develop good study habits, complete their homework assignments, and connect learning to their mission in life.

### *Our Commitment*

**MY STUDY COACH** dedicates a portion of its resources to serve young students whose families are in housing transition, through St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County.

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Thoughts from . . .

## *My Study Coach*

Some things never change.

I say this, knowing full well (and with occasional frustration) that our world, so shaped by information technology, changes with breathtaking speed.

The tools that we—adults and younger ones alike—use to learn and to stay connected in our complex world today call on fingers and brain in ways not experienced before. From online research at the click of a mouse, to satellite uplinks, iPod downloads, and text-messaging, we press for ever-new ways to instantly, effortlessly discover and connect with our world.

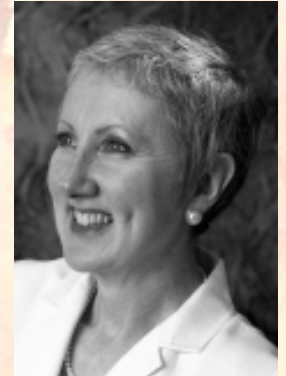
The upside of our sophisticated information technology is that we have the world delivered on demand, any time, any place, to our increasingly portable screens—our virtual window on the world. The downside is that we link to those encapsulated bits of life that *our* web search or preferences deliver.

But life, real life, comes at us unfiltered, on its own terms, not ours, and with its own demands and unexpected gifts.

Technology is neither good nor bad. Rather, what matters is what we do with it, and how we use it. Between the fingers and the brain lies the heart, the seat of insight, understanding, wisdom, and compassion. The human heart, in our Christian heritage, is the place of meaning-making in our efforts to reveal the reign of God.

The human heart is vital to the learning process. It helps us to turn information from raw data to insight that leads us to understand how God desires us to participate, each in our uniquely gifted ways, in God's redeeming work in this world.

This invitation to participate in God's purposes is the element in our human experience that never changes. This tremendously important work is what motivates me to coach young students so that they can partner with God in building a world of justice, peace, creativity, order, beauty, healing, and joy.



### *A Prayer at the Start of Study Time*

*Dear God,  
source of all that is,  
please open my mind  
to understand  
what I need to learn.*

*Refresh me in your  
Holy Spirit, that I  
might learn and  
grow, and use the*

*gifts you have  
given me to be  
Jesus' presence  
in this world*

*which You  
so love.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen!*

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