



# Shanghai American School

*An International Community*

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Dear Parents,

The 2007-2008 school year is upon us and your child is off to the most exciting transitional periods of their life. We believe that you play a crucial role in how your child will view learning, homework, and striving for excellence. Shanghai American School has a reputation for producing the very best students because we set high standards, work as a team, and work in a continuous partnership with you. In order to make sure that your child is receiving the very best that we have to offer, we need you to take time out of your busy schedule, and do something for us.

In a million words or less, please tell us about your child. We ask you to share anything that you want to tell us that makes your child special and unique. Please share likes, dislikes, hopes, fears, past success, and especially their dreams. Oh, did we mention to write in a million words or less? No words that exceed a million will be counted. This is our homework assignment for you. Welcome back to school.

Right now, right at this moment, your child is changing. They are making some difficult choices. They are looking at their lives and assessing where they are now... who they are and who they want to be. Sometimes students masquerade their abilities due to shyness, peer pressure, or indecisiveness. Other times, students may act one way at home, another way in front of teachers, and still another with their peers. Our goal for them is to be lifelong lovers of knowledge and to continue their growth into compassionate, intelligent and self-assured young adults. So we will share this homework assignment with our team, not with your child/other students, unless you say it's ok and don't mind.

Please return your homework assignment to us by Friday, August 24, 2007. You may send your assignment via your child or by email to your child's advisory teacher. This assignment will be worth 20 full points. For parents who do not do this assignment, your child will be interviewing you, and other family members, and their grade will go towards this assignment during the quarter. No late work will be accepted, unless there's a personal family emergency, illness, and if you have previously contacted us prior to the due date. We will not be taking off for any spelling/grammatical errors and we will happily accept the assignment written in your native tongue. We will be grading this homework assignment based on completion. You do it, and then you and your child get the full 20 points.

Remember, in a million words or less; please tell us about your child. Focus on anything that you want to tell us that makes your child special and unique. Please share likes, dislikes, hopes, fears, past success, and especially their dreams.

With Kind Regards,

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