



Interim Head of School and Rhetoric School Letter

From time to time during the school year I like to get an idea of the workload our students are carrying in regards to homework. I call this a “homework pulse.” The feedback I get helps me direct teachers on the need to pull back on the amount of work given if I see that it is too much. I want the school to be following our written policy we have on homework and I certainly do not want the school robbing time away from families by giving too much school work to students each evening. Homework is important, but it must be balanced.

I conduct a homework pulse in two-week increments. This gives me the best snapshot possible to see a pattern. In this week’s newsletter is a copy of the homework pulse so that you can print it out and use it for your student. Please monitor the time it takes them to do their homework and how much study time they put in. There is also a place for additional comments, questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to use that section to communicate to me anything related to your student’s homework load.

One thing you will notice about this particular homework pulse is that the two-week monitoring period is broken up by our spring break. This is strategic in nature, as I am trying to gain an understanding if there is a heavy workload being given to students at the end of a marking period and how the homework load is at the beginning of a new quarter after returning from break.

Your participation in this homework pulse period is important in providing feedback so that we can continue making SCCS a better school. I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to fill it out so that our school can improve. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, not only regarding this homework pulse, but with any issue you may have related to the school. I appreciate each parent giving our school the opportunity to partner with them in the education of their child and as always want an open-door policy to hear your concern.