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No More Excuses

The way children learn has and is changing in today's electronic world. Perhaps it started many years ago with Sesame Street, which began the practice of teaching in limited segments, only expecting children to pay attention for short periods of time. Certainly, the change continued with computer games, email, social networks and texting and tweeting. Learning from this, we educators in the schools are using technology in the classroom at increased rates.

One of the ways that parents can help is by insuring that their children do their homework, study and review. A problem for parents, especially when the child goes into higher levels of math and science, is that they either forgot or never took these courses and can't help their child accomplish the necessary work at home. Well, this book is a developing product to end that excuse. The computer has come to the rescue. There are numerous, reliable and safe internet sites devoted to teaching the very skills and courses your child takes during the school day. We are happy to share a variety of these sites with you, and provide specific instructions on how to use a couple of the more important sites. We have grouped these sites by specialty/subject area and when there is an electronic textbook available, have provided that as well. The better sites have videos of teachers providing the review of skills and most have plenty of practice questions and tests with answers and solutions as part of the review. No more excuses by either the parent or student on not knowing how to solve the problem or do the work!!!

We hope you use this book as a kick-off to spend quality time with your child on improving knowledge and study skills. The resources cited will grow over time. If you come across a good resource, please share it with us. Thanks to the guidance counselors, especially Barbara Madigan, for beginning this idea and updating the resources, and to all of the Valley Stream Central High School District chairpeople for sharing their information so that we could share them with you.

WEBSITE	DESCRIPTION
ENGLISH	
www.freerice.com	<p>Vocabulary practice. Freerice is a non-profit website that is owned by and supports the <i>United Nations World Food Programme</i>.</p> <p>Freerice has two goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide education to everyone for free. • Help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free.
https://owl.english.purdue.edu	Useful for research papers and works cited in research papers.
www.sparknotes.com	Provides notes on many books read in English classes. In addition, there is a section called <i>No Fear Shakespeare</i> that puts Shakespeare's language side by side with a translation into modern English.
www.dictionary.com	Reliable, free online access to millions of English definitions, synonyms, spelling, audio pronunciations, example sentences, and translations from our Web properties at Dictionary.com, Thesaurus.com, and Reference.com.
www.thesaurus.com	
www.teachingbooks.net	Audio clips for novels and short stories. Can sort by Author, Title and Subject or browse by grade level and curriculum area.
<i>English Language AP & English Literature AP</i>	
www.collegeboard.com	Provides information about all AP courses including course descriptions, exam questions, exam schedules and fees. There is also a link that discusses the benefits of taking an AP course and exam. AP students SHOULD utilize the resources on this site.
<i>Poetry</i>	
www.poetryfoundation.org	The Poetry Foundation, publisher of <i>Poetry</i> magazine, is an independent literary organization committed to a vigorous presence for poetry in our culture. It exists to discover and celebrate the best poetry and to place it before the largest possible audience.
www.poetry.org	A resource site for poetry and poets. Here you can learn about the history, meaning, and types of poetry, as well as terms often used when reading and studying poetry.
www.poets.org	To support American poets at all stages of their careers and to foster the appreciation of contemporary poetry.
www.enotes.com	eNotes is an educational resource used by millions of teachers and students. They have thousands of literature study guides, lesson plans, literary criticism, and a vibrant community you can join.

WEBSITE	DESCRIPTION
LOTE	
www.collegeboard.com	College Board/AP website for AP courses in French Language, Italian Language, Spanish Language and Spanish Literature
www.rai.it	Italian news, video for all Italian classes
www.casadejoanna.com	Language learning resources for all French and Spanish classes
www.glencoe.com	<i>Bon Voyage/Buen Viaje</i> textbook site for French 1,2,3 and Spanish 1,2,3
http://it.stlawu.edu/~rgol/AP-Spanish/recursos.htm	Website for references to Spanish AP Language and Spanish AP Literature
http://holtmcdougal.hmhco.com/hm/wl.htm	Website for Spanish 1 textbook, ¡Avancemos! Website
www.bbc.co.uk/languages	Video web resources for French, Italian, Japanese and Spanish
www.castlelearning.com	For French and Spanish practice for Levels 1,2,3,4. (See Attachment #1 for instructions for logging on to the site)
http://conjuguemos.com	For French, Italian, Spanish conjugations for all LOTE classes
www.studyspanish.com	Spanish review site for Levels 1,2,3,4,5. Grammar explanations, practice quizzes
www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/siteindex.php	Spanish videos for Levels 1,2,3,4,5, AP Language
www.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/index.php	Spanish review site for Levels 4,5, AP Language
www.wordreference.com	Online dictionary for French, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. Verb conjugations.
www.quia.com/web	Online practice, games in French, Italian and Spanish
www.spanishclassonline.com	Vocabulary, grammar, games, newspapers....
http://www.ver-taal.com	Listening activities, video clips, culture...
www.spanishdict.com	Dictionary and translator with auditory component
www.youtube.com/user/SrMara	Songs to explain Spanish grammar

WEBSITE	DESCRIPTION
MATH	
www.hoodamath.com	Math and logic games to practice by grade level
www.jmap.org	Sample Regents questions and videos to help prepare for the Regents exams in Integrated Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2 and Trig.
www.purplemath.com	One of the Best Educational Websites for Algebra.
www.aaamath.com	This site features a comprehensive set of thousands of interactive arithmetic lessons. Unlimited practice is available on each topic which allows thorough mastery of the concepts.
www.mathvids.com	Math videos or teachers teaching lessons by topic appropriate for middle school math through college level math.
www.ixl.com	Math games for many grade levels
www.onlinemathlearning.com	All grades of Math review and SAT or ACT Math prep with videos to show problem solutions by topic.
MULTI SUBJECT	
www.castlelearning.com	Supports classroom instruction. Includes over 70,000 field-tested questions supported by defined vocabulary, reference tables, hints and reasons for correct answers in math, science, social studies, English and foreign languages. Core courses for grades 3-12 are correlated to standard curriculum. Allows access to method Test Prep for SAT Prep. (See Attachment #1 for instructions for logging onto the site)
www.regentsprep.org	Provides Regents prep for all Regents exams, including thematic review, practice questions, old Regents exams and study materials. (See Attachment #2 for instructions for this site)
www.nysedregents.org	This site has past Regents exams and the answers to assist in preparing for exams.
www.neok12.com	Interactive diagrams, videos, lessons, quizzes, games and puzzles for science, social studies, geography, math and English.
www.collegeboard.com	Provides information about all AP courses including course descriptions, exam questions, exam schedules and fees. There is also a link that discusses the benefits of taking an AP course and exam. AP students SHOULD utilize the resources on this site.
www.quizlet.com www.studystack.com	Both sites enable students to study vocabulary lists created by their teachers and enables them to create their own flashcards and play vocabulary games.

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http://www.nysedregents.org	For practice examinations. Scroll to: "For elementary- and intermediate-level students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Grades 3-8 English Language Arts</i> • <i>Mathematics Tests</i> • <i>Grades 4 & 8 Elementary-and Intermediate-Level Science Tests</i> • <i>Grades 5 & 8 Elementary-and Intermediate-Level Social Studies Tests"</i>
www.myfreshprep.org	An innovative student-centered website that uses hip-hop music to review the key content and skills tested on the Global History and US History Regents exams.
www.brainpop.com	Needs to be subscribed to. It is amazing and has a little cartoon explaining something, then a self check quiz. Also has supplemental worksheets that go along with it.
www.edmodo.com	Edmodo is a free, secure, Facebook style social learning platform for teachers, students, schools and districts. Edmodo provides teachers and students with a secure and easy way to post classroom materials, share links and videos, and access homework, grades and school notices. Requires a code provided by teachers. (App available)
www.remind.com	A safe way for teachers to text message students and stay in touch with parents. Sign up with a code from teachers for text reminders. (App available)
www.premiercampus.com	Many and varied learning resources and tips. Relates to the student agenda book.
www.glencoe.com	To access Online Learning Center - Students choose New York State , then choose Parent/Student , the subject and course. Then they can access personal tutor, extra examples, self-check quizzes and more.
www.arounder.com	Students can take 360° degree virtual tours of historically and culturally important sites around the world.
www.khanacademy.org	Educational YouTube videos arranged by subject area and topics. (as seen on "60 Minutes")
www.wikipedia.org	Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia. It is written collaboratively by millions of volunteers writers around the world. It was launched in 2001 and has quickly become the largest and most popular online general reference tool.
www.discoveryeducation.com	There are free video clips that are thematic which teach specific subjects. There are free student and parent resources, including homework help by subject area.
www.watchknowlearn.org	Videos organized by subject. Additionally students can utilize the search function to find a video clip of a specific event/topic

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SOCIAL STUDIES	
www.congressforkids.net	Learning about the federal government doesn't have to be boring. Congress for Kids gives you access to interactive, fun-filled experiences designed to help you learn about the foundation of our federal government and how its actions affect you. Designed for students in grades fourth through high school.
www.edublogs.org	Links students to teacher blog pages
glencoe.com/bentley4	A comprehensive website presenting chapter outlines and powerpoints, practice questions, primary sources, and other resources corresponding to the AP World History text used in both grades 9 and 10.
www.castlelearning.com	Supports classroom instruction. Includes over 70,000 field-tested questions supported by defined vocabulary, reference tables, hints and reasons for correct answers in math, science, social studies, English and foreign languages. Core courses for grades 3-12 are correlated to standard curriculum. (See Attachment #1 for instructions for logging onto the site)
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SCIENCE	
www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/rr10/	Videos: Chemistry, Earth Science, Living Environment, Physics, Integrated Algebra, Global History, US History & Government, Spanish to help in preparing for Regents exams.
http://phet.colorado.edu/	Fun, interactive, research-based simulations of physical phenomena from the PhET project at the University of Colorado. Includes Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science and Math and can be sorted by grade level (Elementary, Middle School, HS and University)
https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com/snpapp/login	Regents Living Environment (requires login information from teacher)
http://bcs.whfreeman.com/friedlandapes/#t668210	AP Environmental Science
www.masteringbiology.com	AP Biology (requires login information from teacher)

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ACT & SAT PREP	
www.collegeboard.com	The company that 'makes' the exam offers numerous free prep methods including question of the day, free practice tests to name a couple.
www.actstudent.org/testprep/index.htm	The company that makes the ACT offers some free prep resources.
www.castlelearning.com	Has access to Method Test Prep (SAT)
www.number2.com	Totally free SAT & ACT prep online!!
www.4tests.com/exams/examdetail.asp?eid=13	This site allows students to take practice tests online. They will be graded for them and they can review the exam as well as get an explanation for why correct answer is correct. (This site also has SAT, GED, etc. practice exams)
www.testprepreview.com	Offers practice tests and study guides for both SAT and ACT prep.
www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/act/	Helpful information about how to take the ACT as well as what materials the exam includes and a review of that material.
COLLEGE SEARCH	
<p> http://connection.naviance.com/see below <i>Central HS - http://connection.naviance.com/VSCHS</i> <i>South HS - http://connection.naviance.com/VSSHHS</i> <i>North HS - http://connection.naviance.com/VSNHS</i> <i>Memorial JHS - http://connection.naviance.com/VSMJ</i> </p>	Family Connection by Naviance is a website supported by the Valley Stream CHSD that allows students and families to investigate, research, track and plan for colleges and careers. (See Attachment #3 for instructions to register on the site. See your counselor for your individual code if necessary)
<p> www.guidancedirect.com Central - School ID 9227611 Password: V68S6608 Memorial -School ID 9221308 Password: V05S0519 North - School ID 9225486 Password: V47S6734 South - School ID 9220964 Password: V96S3420 </p>	A web based program provided by the Valley Stream CHSD to provide college and career search engines.

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CAREER SEARCH	
<p>http://connection.naviance.com/see below Central HS - http://connection.naviance.com/VSCHS South HS - http://connection.naviance.com/VSSHHS North HS - http://connection.naviance.com/VSNHS Memorial JHS-http://connection.naviance.com/VSMJ</p>	<p>Family Connection by Naviance is a website supported by the Valley Stream CHSD that allows students and families to investigate, research, track and plan for colleges and careers. (See Attachment #3 for instructions to register on the site. See your counselor for your individual code if necessary)</p>
<p>www.guidancedirect.com Central - School ID <u>9227611</u> Password: <u>V68S6608</u> Memorial- School ID <u>9221308</u> Password: <u>V05S0519</u> North - School ID <u>9225486</u> Password: <u>V47S6734</u> South - School ID <u>9220964</u> Password: <u>V96S3420</u></p>	<p>A web based program provided by the Valley Stream CHSD to provide college and career search engines.</p>
<p>www.quintcareers.com/career_exploration.html</p>	<p>Quintessential Careers provides tools and resources for exploring careers.</p>
<p>www.bls.gov/oco (Occupational Outlook Handbook online)</p>	<p>For hundreds of types of jobs-such as teacher, lawyer, and nurse--the <i>Occupational Outlook Handbook</i> tells you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the training and education needed ● earnings ● expected job prospects ● what workers do on the job ● working conditions <p>In addition, the <i>Handbook</i> gives you job search tips, links to information about the job market in each State, and more. You can also view frequently asked questions about the <i>Handbook</i>.</p>
<p>www.WetFeet.com</p>	<p>WetFeet provides insightful profiles of companies, careers, and industries to guide job seekers toward finding the right career, the right industry, the right company, and the right job for them. Through the Insider Guide series and two websites (wetfeet.com and internshipprograms.com), the website helps more than 1 million job candidates each year nail their interviews, avoid making ill-fated career decisions, and add thousands of dollars to their compensation packages. WetFeet does the research for you and presents results in a clear, credible, and entertaining way.</p>

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<p>www.jobProfiles.org</p>	<p>Job Profiles provides descriptions, the degree level you need for that job, the schools and programs that offer that degree and also provides a newsletter if you sign up.</p>
<p>VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HS DISTRICT INFORMATION</p>	
<p>www.vschs.org</p>	<p>District Website which contains information on district activities as well as provides a link to the eSchoolData Parent Portal. The Parent Portal allows parents real time access via the web to their child's report card, progress report, attendance, schedule and transcript. Need to apply for access.</p>

www.castlelearning.com

ID: first 7 letters of last name and first initial

- sou (South)
- nor (North)
- cen (Central)
- mem (Memorial)

(Students with common last names may have a # after 1st initial)

Password: same as school network password

To Access an assignment posted by a teacher:

- + Click teacher's name
- + Click Activity
- + Click description of assignment posted by teacher

To Create your own assignment:

- + Click the drop down menu arrow under Math, English, Science or Social Studies
- + Click course name (intermediate for 7th and 8th grade)
- + Click Go
- + Click Review
- + Click Sessions you Create Yourself
- + Click Create a New Short Answer Session
- + Click topic currently working on in math
- + Click or unclick topics desired
- + Scroll to bottom of page
- + Enter Number of questions desired (10-50)
- + Enter Name of assignment
- + Click begin assignment

To access Student created assignments:

- + Click Home Page
- + Click subject and go
- + Click course name and go
- + Click short answer review
- + Click sessions you create yourself
- + Click on date of assignment created

To review Flash Cards before completing teacher or self created assignment:

- + Follow procedure to get to teacher's assignment or assignment you created yourself
- + Click index card icon within the posted assignment
- + Read word and recite definition in your head
- + Click to see definition
- + Click next to get to next flashcard
- + Click return to assignment to return to the assignment

www.regentsprep.org

+Click subject

+Click one of the following Review Resources for Regents Review:

Review Resources:

- Multiple-Choice Questions
- Practice Essays
- Exam Overview
- Online Resources
- Old Regents Exams
- Study Materials

Family Connection by Naviance

First Time Registration Instructions

See your counselor for your individual code if necessary

- Go to: **www.connection.naviance.com/vsnhs** (for ***VS North*** Students).
www.connection.naviance.com/vschs (for ***VS Central*** Students).
www.connection.naviance.com/vsshs (for ***VS South*** Students).
www.connection.naviance.com/vsmj (for ***VS Memorial*** Students).

Enter your Registration code provided by the Guidance department.

- Naviance will recognize your name and ask you to provide a valid e-mail address that will now serve as your Naviance e-mail log in/username.
- You will then create a six (6) character password to access Naviance.
- Click the Accept to the privacy statement and then click “Complete Registration.”

You are now a registered member of Naviance and will be able to log onto

Naviance just utilizing your e-mail address and password.

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