



## A disorganized locker can affect your teen's Grades

School has been in session just long enough for your teen to accumulate a nice collection of "stuff" in his locker. This might not seem like such a big deal--after all, stuff that's in your teen's locker is stuff that isn't on the floor of his bedroom!

However, a disorganized locker can greatly impact your teen's homework and study skills. If your teen can't find his textbook, notebook or binder, he can't complete his homework. If he can't find his paper or problem sheet, he can't turn it in for a grade.

If you teen has a lot of cleaning to do before he can call his locker "organized," recommend that he stay after school and:

1. Take everything out of his locker.
2. Divide his belongings into three piles: keep, take home and toss.
3. Throw the toss items into a trash can.
4. Pack up the take home items to bring home.
5. Put the keep items back into the locker. But don't just throw them in there. Stack books on a shelf, hang up gym clothes, put dirty items like soccer cleats on the bottom, etc.

Encourage your teen to stay organized by suggesting he do a "weekly checkup" and bring home any extra stuff every Friday. The organizational skills you help your teen develop now will help him be successful throughout his life.

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## DATES TO KNOW

### October 8th

SAT Registration Deadline for November 6th test date.

### \*October 16th\*

Fairmont State Student Success Saturday (watch for information via mail)

### November 1st

Promise Scholarship application available at cfvv.com

### November 5th

ACT & SAT Registration Deadline for December 4th SAT Test and December 11th ACT test.

## Fairmont State GEAR UP



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## Were you the first?

Tell us about it!

Fairmont State GEAR UP is collecting stories from first generation college students of how earning a post-secondary education positively has impacted your life.



For more information, please visit the GEAR UP website:

[www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup/yourstories](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup/yourstories)

## Student Success Saturday

Fairmont State University Pierpont Community & Technical College Main Campus

**October 16, 2010**

Schedule of Events

9:15-10:00 am—Registration

*Falcon Center 1st Floor*

10-10:30 am—Welcome Overview of the Day

10:30-11:15—College Foundation of WV Web

-Portal Overview

11:30-12:15 pm—Lunch

12:30-2:00 pm—Parent Workshop

*Preparing Your Child for the College Experience*

12:30-2:00 pm—Student Workshop

*CFWV*

2:00-2:30 pm—Student Workshop

*What to Expect in College*

2:30-3:00 pm—Wrap up

Space is limited so call to register TODAY!

(304)367-4302

or

1-877-385-0896

Between 8am-4pm

**FREE Lunch in the Dining Hall for the entire family!**

**\$300 Bridge Awards will be given away to TWO lucky participants!!**



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## Websites:

Your Free Source for College and Career Planning

[www.cfvv.com](http://www.cfvv.com)

GEAR UP website

[www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup)

# EQT CELLO\* for Youth Workshop Series

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## Calendar

On-site workshops will take place at the **Songbird Learning Center**, 305 Songbird Lane, Fairmont, WV 26554.

The contact phone number is (304) 366 3722.

Dates – all 5–7:30 pm	On-site Workshops	Workshop Leaders
October 17, 2010	Kitchen Physics	Dr. Mary Ann Clarke
November 14, 2010	Airfoil making / testing in wind tunnel	Aleksander Marthinussen

The contact phone number for the field trips is (304) 216 3154.

Dates	Field Trips	Meeting Points	Drop-off time	Pick-up time
October 7, 2010 (tentative)	National Energy Technology Lab, Morgantown	TBA	3:15 pm	5:30 pm
October 4, 2010	Mid Atlantic Aerospace Com- plex, Bridgeport	Security gate at Pratt & Whitney	3:45 pm	6:15 pm
November 4, 2010	WV High-Tech Consortium, Fairmont	TBA	3:15 pm	5:45 pm

Dates and times are subject to change. Registered students will be updated.

For further and updated information: <http://www.learningoptions.us/EQTCELLO2010>



# Get On Board The College Bus!

GEAR UP will be providing visitation trips for Students and their Families to Colleges and Universities around the state. The following trips are still available this Fall.

## November 11th– Potomac State College and Shepherd University



**Potomac State College of West Virginia University** is a great place to "Start Smart" and begin your higher educational career. As a two-year residential division of West Virginia University, Potomac State College offers the prestige of a major school with the friendliness of a small campus. You get the best of both places: A curriculum designed at a well-respected research university delivered in a smaller classroom setting.

**Shepherd University** is a state-supported institution within the West Virginia system of higher education. From its beginnings over 130 years ago, the University has evolved into a comprehensive center of higher learning. Shepherd University is situated in the Shenandoah Valley, on the banks of the Potomac River, in historic Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

To register, call the GEAR UP office at 304-367-4302 or toll-free at 1-877-385-0896  
Monday—Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

For more information, contact Andrew Carter at the GEAR UP Office.

