

### **Attendance Support:**

Consistent attendance is necessary for your child's success at Rauner College Prep. Any day your child is absent from school, they miss learning and earning grades for classwork. When an absence is unexcused, students are unable to make up work for full credit.

If your child's absences exceed 20 during the school year, they will be required to attend a summer school attendance class at Rauner (approximate cost is \$25).

#### **Common Reasons for being absent-- Which one(s) affect your child?**

- Student has difficulty waking up on time
- Student wants to avoid demerits (Tardy or Uniform)
- Student fears consequences if they didn't complete homework
- Student feels ill
- Student feels overwhelmed with school in general

#### **Remind your child these things BEFORE your child chooses to be absent:**

- When you miss school just to avoid demerits, ALL of your grades are affected instead of just your detention numbers.
- If you don't have a uniform item, go to Ms. Walker's office BEFORE school so she can help- She has **LOTS of things to borrow**.
- When you miss school because you might be sick, but not sick enough for a doctor visit, your make up work can only be made up for ½ credit.
- Anxiety, Fear, Anger and other emotions can give students headaches and stomachaches. If your student stays home because of these feelings, the next day is often harder. Encourage them to attend and communicate what they are going through to a supportive adult
- If students stay home to avoid a problem, they are missing out on the opportunity to talk to teachers & advisors face to face to solve the problem more quickly

If you would like to set up a meeting with the attendance team to discuss how to best support your student's attendance at Rauner, please reach out to school social worker Amanda Walker ([amawalker@raunercollegeprep.org](mailto:amawalker@raunercollegeprep.org)), or administrative assistant Maribel Islas ([mislas@raunercollegeprep.org](mailto:mislas@raunercollegeprep.org)).