

As part of the build up to **FCMS Career Day on Friday, January 22, 2010** we are providing all **8th** grade parents with the following useful information:

What is COIN Career Community?

- It is an online career guidance and curriculum program
- Its main objectives are:
 - i) To provide students with reliable resources and planning assistance that will ensure their success in future careers and workplace
 - ii) To provide teachers, parents, and students with clear connections between skills being learned in the classroom and real-world applications of those skills.
- It is a valuable career planning tool that students can use through their high school, college and beyond, available 24/7.

What does the student do?

- Every student assigned a username and password to access the COIN software at school or at home.
- **On November 3rd and 4th**, 8th grade students access COIN at school through the PE classes and explore their career interests under the supervision and with assistance from PE teachers and other faculty in the computer labs.
- As part of their career exploration and research, students are asked to perform two tasks:
 - i) Prioritize their favorite career choices and save them in what will be his/her self assessment profile. Option to view their assessment profile from home and make any changes with **parental guidance** until **November 9th, 2009**
 - ii) Fill out a worksheet on self assessment of career and college interest choices. Share information with parent/guardian at home. The worksheet is assessed for a participation grade in PE class for November 3rd and 4th.

What can the parents do?

- COIN gives parents the ability to use the system along with students.
- It is our hope that you will log on at home to view the needs and interests your student has discovered
- We encourage you to discuss their choices and enable them to explore and research the innumerable resources COIN has to offer and discover how it can serve as a valuable tool through your student's school and college years and beyond.

How to access COIN from home:

Go to www.coin3.com

Login using:

Username: Student's Username (student ID number)

Password: Student's Password (student ID number)

Site ID: TX14882 & Check box for "Parent User"