

Hi everyone,

Today, students started to learn about budgeting. They should be bringing home a pink paper where I've asked them to think about any income they receive (allowance, part time job, babysitting, etc.), if any, and average it out to get a rough monthly amount. They also had to think about what they spend their money on (school store, vending machines, coffee/tea, clothes, movies etc.).

They will be approaching you to answer one of the questions where I ask them to estimate how much their parents spend on things for them (their share of grocery bill, of water bill, of electricity bill; cell phone plan; haircuts; clothing/shoes, etc.) and then ask you how much is actually spent. I just want to make it clear that the goal is to help students understand how much things cost and to initiate a conversation about expenses. This is in preparation for next day where they will be doing a budget for a 24-year old that is no longer under their parents' roof. If you do not feel comfortable sharing this expense information, please feel free to make up some reasonable numbers for what a parent might spend on a grade 11/12 student for a typical month. Some suggested expenses are included on the pink sheet. Feel free to add any of your own that you think of.

I hope this makes sense. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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