

1. What is the Think Tank?

The Think Tank is just a classroom where students who have made a number of poor choices in a short period of time go to meet with a teacher. The students and teacher discuss the incidents, the roles that everyone played and how different choices could have changed the outcome. The teachers, Ms. Larson and Miss Barrass, are constants in the Think Tank so that they can build relationships with these students who sometimes need additional support.

2. How do students end up in the Think Tank?

At the beginning of the year, teachers work with the students to create rules for the classroom and review the rules of the school and playground. If students make poor choices in any of the areas mentioned above, they get a warning from the supervisors and are given options for other activities or choices. If the students decide not to take the suggestions, they will then get a write up. This is recorded on a Write Up sheet. Teachers will get the data and will have a discussion with their student. Teachers will then contact parents to ensure that everyone is aware of the situation. If a student gets three write ups, they will go to the Think Tank to discuss choices and get support from Ms. Larson or Miss Barrass.

3. Why are we, as parents, asked to ensure that plans are made before our children go to school?

Our students are very busy throughout the day. They may not always be in their classrooms. When we get messages for the students and pass them along, students do not always remember and at the end of the day are either unsure of what to do or forget totally and do what they had originally planned. This then leads to missing students and jeopardizes their safety if they are unaccounted for.