How to Get Your Child to School on Time

- 1. Have a daily routine beginning with Sunday nights.
- 2. Have consistent bedtimes for children and parents on all nights.
- 3. Go to bed and get up at the same time on weekdays and weekends.
- 4. Put clothes out in the evening for school the next day.
- 5. Have homework done in the evening and put it in the backpack before going to bed.
- 6. Have backpacks and shoes together by the door from which you leave.
- 7. Have nightly rituals like reading to your child before bed.
- 8. All children should have their own alarm clock and be taught how to use it.
- 9. Get up 15 minutes earlier than usual and increase the number of minutes until you find the right time to get up to be on time for school.
- 10. Remember, that it takes anywhere from 5-10 minutes to get packed into the car before you can even leave for school. Allow for this time.
- 11. Get to school at the earliest time allowed at your school.
- 12. Get to school early and get a parking place. Have your child read to you while you are waiting for the time they can be on campus.
- 13. Have a weekly family reward on Friday for getting to school on time every day that week.
- 14. Have a backup plan in case the car doesn't start or there is some other emergency.
- 15. Make sure your clocks at home are set for the same time as the school clocks.
- 16. Make regular, on time attendance a priority in your family.
- 17. No TV, radio, video games, or phone in the morning for parents or children.
- 18. Lay out breakfast items the night before.