

A REAL TUESDAY THING · NO. 002

TWENTY PROMPTS · THE REAL ONES

# Dad's First Claude

Calendar. School. Taxes. Side hustle.

*life, mostly intact, sometimes pristine.*

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NEVER USED CLAUDE? START HERE.

# *Get Claude open. Then come back.*

*Five minutes. Beer, coffee, whatever's in your hand.*

If you've already got Claude up and running with your family loaded in, skip to the next page. If not, do this part first or these prompts won't land.

## **STEP 1 — Sign up**

Open a browser on your laptop. Go to **claude.ai**. Sign up with Google (one click) or your email. Free works for everything in this pack.

## **STEP 2 — Get the app on your phone**

You'll use this from the truck, the bleachers, the line at the hardware store. Get the app:

- iPhone: App Store, search "Claude by Anthropic"
- Android: Google Play, search "Claude by Anthropic"
- Mac or Windows desktop app (optional): **claude.ai/download**

Same account, everywhere. Same Claude, everywhere.

## **STEP 3 — Do the setup guide first (free, 20 min)**

The prompts in this pack work way better when Claude already knows your family. There's a free setup guide called **Claude, Meet The Family** that walks you through it.

Get it: **[mostlymintcondition.com/free/setup-guide](https://mostlymintcondition.com/free/setup-guide)**

Do that one first. Twenty minutes. Then come back here. The difference between "Walk me through my week" with Claude knowing your kids vs. not is night and day.

**Skipping the setup?** The prompts still work. You'll just have to type more — fill in the [bracketed blanks] with actual names, dates, details every time instead of letting Claude pull from what it already knows.

That's the whole runway. Beer's still cold. Let's go.

# Drop in. Fill in. Go.

*Twenty prompts that do real work. Use them straight or tweak them.*

Every prompt in here works the same way. There's a setup line that tells you when to use it. There's the actual prompt with bracketed blanks like [the kid's name] or [last weekend]. You fill in your blanks, paste it into Claude, get a real answer.

If you did the setup guide (Claude, Meet The Family), your Profile already has your family loaded in. Run these prompts from any chat — Claude pulls your context automatically. You can leave blanks like [my partner] or [Sunday] vague and Claude knows what they mean.

If you didn't, run them in a regular chat. They still work. They just take more typing — replace every bracket with actual names, dates, details.

*i asked Claude. Then i tried each one. The ones that worked stayed. The ones that didn't got cut. What's left is twenty.*

**The five lanes** (four prompts per lane, twenty total):

- The Calendar · running the family schedule
- School & Sports · coaches, teachers, forms, RSVPs
- Taxes & Money · the boring stuff that matters
- The Side Hustle · whatever you're selling on the side
- Just Life · the texts and decisions you're already drafting in your head

# The Calendar.

*Running the family schedule without losing your mind.*

## PROMPT 01

### The Sunday Reset

When to use it: *Sunday night, before the week starts.*

*It's Sunday night. Walk me through what my week probably looks like based on what you know about my family. Flag any conflicts I should know about now. Tell me what to handle tonight so Monday isn't garbage.*

YOU GET *a clear-eyed look at the week, with conflicts pulled to the top.*

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## PROMPT 02

### The conflict catcher

When to use it: *anytime someone adds something new.*

*I just got asked to [thing, time, day]. Does that conflict with anything on our family calendar? If yes, what gives? If no, what should I plan around it?*

YOU GET *a yes-or-no answer first, then the reasoning.*

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PROMPT 03

## The driveway dispatch

When to use it: *the morning of, before the chaos starts.*

*Today is [date]. What's on the calendar today, in order? Who needs what, when, and where? Anything I should bring, send with the kid, or remind anyone about?*

YOU GET *a hour-by-hour rundown of the day with action items.*

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PROMPT 04

## The "is this worth saying yes to"

When to use it: *when someone invites you to a thing and you're tired.*

*Someone invited us to [thing] on [day]. Looking at what's already on our plate that week, is this a yes or a no? Be honest. If it's a no, draft me a polite decline.*

YOU GET *a recommendation and a ready-to-send response if you need it.*

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# School & Sports.

*Coaches, teachers, forms, RSVPs. The endless stream.*

## PROMPT 05

### The coach reply

When to use it: *coach sent a group text or email you need to respond to.*

*The coach just sent this: [paste the message]. Draft me a short, friendly reply that confirms whatever needs confirming. Keep it dad-tone, not stiff.*

YOU GET *a reply you can send without editing.*

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## PROMPT 06

### The teacher email

When to use it: *teacher emailed about your kid and you need to respond like a parent.*

*The teacher emailed this about [kid]: [paste the email]. Help me write a thoughtful response that addresses what they raised, doesn't sound defensive, and ends with a clear next step.*

YOU GET *a draft that doesn't make things worse.*

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PROMPT 07

## The form decoder

When to use it: *the school sent home a confusing form and you're not reading the whole thing.*

*Here's a form the school sent home: [paste it or describe it]. Tell me what I actually need to fill in, what the deadline is, and whether there's anything I need to push back on or ignore.*

YOU GET *the bottom line in three bullets.*

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PROMPT 08

## The tournament weekend planner

When to use it: *when a tournament or out-of-town game weekend is coming.*

*[Kid] has a tournament/game weekend coming up: [details: when, where, schedule]. What do I need to pack, plan, or prep? What gets eaten, where do we stay, and what time do we actually need to leave to not be the last family to show up?*

YOU GET *a packing-and-logistics list specific to the trip.*

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# Taxes & Money.

*The boring stuff that costs you if you don't stay on it.*

## PROMPT 09

### The side-hustle deduction check

When to use it: *anytime you're about to buy something for the side hustle and wonder if it's a write-off.*

*I'm about to buy [thing] for [side hustle / business]. Is this likely deductible as a business expense? What category does it fall under, and what should I save (receipt, photo, note) to back it up at tax time?*

YOU GET *a quick read plus the paper trail you need. Not legal advice. Verify with a CPA at filing time.*

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## PROMPT 10

### The quarterly check-in

When to use it: *end of every quarter, even if you don't feel like it.*

*I want a 10-minute quarterly check-in on my [side hustle / business] money. Ask me three questions to figure out where I'm at, then tell me what I should be doing for the next 90 days. Income, expenses, taxes set aside.*

YOU GET *a three-question conversation that ends with a list of next steps.*

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PROMPT 11

## The tax-time inventory

When to use it: *January, before you start the actual filing.*

*It's tax time. I had income from [main job / side hustle / both] last year, and we have [number] kids. Walk me through what documents I need to round up before I start filing. Tell me what's likely to trip me up given my situation.*

YOU GET *a checklist you can work through with coffee.*

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PROMPT 12

## The "should I bother"

When to use it: *when you're tempted to chase a small deduction or refund and don't know if it's worth the time.*

*I'm considering [chasing X deduction / claiming Y / disputing Z]. It would save me roughly \$[amount]. How much time and hassle is this realistically going to take, and is it worth it?*

YOU GET *a straight answer on whether to chase it or let it go.*

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# *The Side Hustle.*

*Whatever you're selling. The work behind the work.*

PROMPT 13

## **The listing writer**

*Write a listing for this: [describe item: what it is, condition, why you're selling]. Make it honest, specific, and easy to scan. Include the details a buyer actually needs. No fluff, no hype.*

PROMPT 14

## **The pricing gut check**

*I'm about to list [item] in [condition] for \$[price]. Is that in the right range? What are comparable listings going for, and what details would justify pricing higher or pushing me to drop it?*

PROMPT 15

## The buyer-message reply

*A buyer just messaged: [paste the message]. Draft me a reply that's polite, firm, and doesn't waste either of our time. If it's a lowball, I want to push back without being rude. If it's a legit question, answer it.*

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PROMPT 16

## The slow-month diagnosis

*My [side hustle] has been slower than usual the last [time period]. Walk me through what could be going on and ask me three questions to narrow it down. I want a real diagnosis, not generic advice.*

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# Just Life.

*The texts you're drafting in your head. The decisions you keep putting off.*

## PROMPT 17

### The text to your partner

*Draft a quick text to [partner] about [situation]. Sound like me. Direct, not mushy. Get the point across without making it longer than it needs to be.*

## PROMPT 18

### The hard conversation prep

*I have to talk to [person] about [topic]. I want it to land without blowing up. Help me figure out: what I'm actually trying to say, what they're likely to push back on, and how to open the conversation so it doesn't start sideways.*

PROMPT 19

## The decision you keep avoiding

*I've been going back and forth on [decision]. The options are [A], [B], maybe [C]. Ask me three questions that get to what I actually want, then tell me what you'd do in my position and why.*

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PROMPT 20

## The end-of-day debrief

*Today was a lot. Here's what happened: [dump it]. Help me figure out what actually mattered, what I'm carrying that I should put down, and what tomorrow needs from me. Short answers. I'm tired.*

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MAKE THEM YOURS

# Tweak everything.

*These prompts are starting points. Your situation is yours.*

Every prompt in this book has bracketed blanks. Fill them in with your real stuff and they get sharper. Use them three or four times and you'll start tweaking them. That's the point.

## The cheat code

If a prompt almost works but not quite, tell Claude what's off. Something like: *"That answer was too long. Half the length, no preamble."* Or: *"You missed the part about [thing]. Try again with that in mind."*

You don't have to get the prompt perfect on the first shot. Just keep talking to it.

## Save the ones you use

Find a way to keep your customized versions. Notes app. A doc. Whatever. The first version takes thinking. The second version takes ten seconds.

*i asked Claude. Then i tried it. Field-tested.*

That's twenty. Use the ones that fit, ignore the ones that don't. The calendar workbook is next.

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