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Dear Class of 2029 Family,

Welcome to our community! As your student begins their high school journey, we want to take a moment to introduce ourselves and share how excited we are to walk alongside your family in the years ahead. High school is a time of incredible growth, discovery, and possibility—and we're so glad to be a part of it with you.

Our College Counseling team focuses on overall student development and self-discovery. Our approach is warm, personal, and student-centered. We're here to help each student not only navigate the college application process but also discover more about who they are, what they love, and where they want to go next. Although college might seem far off at the start of 9th grade, we believe early high school engagement makes a meaningful difference. That's why we assign college counselors in January of 9th grade and look forward to inviting you to our opening presentation for 9th grade families in the spring.

Early in high school, our focus is not on the college admissions process but on encouraging students to build good academic habits, try new things, and discover what excites them. We help students choose courses that suit their strengths and interests and support them in exploring meaningful activities outside the classroom. As students progress through high school, we increase our focus on college exploration and planning. In junior year, we meet with students and families to develop a thoughtful list of colleges to consider, visit, and research.

Throughout the year, the team offers a wide range of presentations tailored to each grade level as well as topics of general interest. These sessions include valuable information on financial aid and paying for college, and insights into how college admissions professionals review applications. In addition, we are proud to host more than 100 college admissions representatives on campus annually.

Above all, we want you to know that we're here to support your student through a process that can—and should—be empowering, reflective, and exciting. From early planning to navigating the application process, we are committed to helping each student find their path and take the next steps with confidence and purpose.

We are truly looking forward to getting to know you and your student!

Sincerely,

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