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Dear Parents, Incoming Ninth Graders and New Students,

It is my hope that you are enjoying the sun and free time only summer can offer. By no means do I want to distract you from your beaching and barbeques, but a couple of thoughts to a few items will help make the transition into the new school year more enjoyable.

First, during the orientation meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30, you will be placed with a mentor who will be your personal guide through your transition to the Upper School. They have been in your position and can relate to all the questions and anxiety you may have. Come with a couple of questions for them. You will also get a copy of the RHSM *Ultimate Survival Guide*—a necessity—with tips on study skills for specific subject areas, a calendar link for the entire year, and answers to many of the questions you may have. Keep this survival guide the entire year; it will come in handy often.

Second, bring in your schedule so you can find your classrooms and locker.

Finally, if you need any information about how to get into contact with tutors, would like to sit down during the first week of school to discuss your needs or concerns, or need any specific academic accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible to make an appointment. My number is 924.5938. I am here to see to your academic success and I look forward to meeting and working with each of you. The experience at RHSM is demanding and will require your constant effort, but you'll also never have so much fun and see so much growth in yourself. This is your fresh start; make it your best. Enjoy the rest of the summer. See you in a few weeks.

Yours truly,

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