



July 2019

Dear Families of the Class of 2020,

We look forward to welcoming you to campus on Thursday, September 5th. Registration is in the Dining Hall from 1:00-3:00pm.

The following day, Friday, September 6th, seniors begin their Senior Leadership Orientation with team building activities on a low elements challenge course. In the afternoon they will depart for a high elements challenge course and camping at Camp Jewell in Colebrook, Connecticut. This fun experience will prepare seniors for the coming school year and hone their leadership skills. It also provides an enjoyable opportunity for seniors to reconnect with each other and develop more class unity. Seniors return Saturday afternoon, September 7th.

Marvelwood will provide all tents and meals for the trip. Students are encouraged to bring their own sleeping bag, flashlight, and water bottle, though we can provide these items if needed. The year-long Senior Leadership program culminates with the Senior Service Trip to Washington D.C. at the end of the school year.

Because this program is part of our curriculum **attendance is required**. Students traveling by air are reminded that flights for specific dates in September run out quickly in the summer. Therefore air tickets should be secured as soon as possible. Extenuating circumstances must be approved by the Dean of Students in advance.

Please sign and return the release form found on our “[Forms and Information](#)” web page (scroll down to Senior Leadership Program). Completed forms may be returned via email (preferred) or faxed or mailed by **September 1**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [john.russell@marvelwood.org](mailto:john.russell@marvelwood.org) or 860-927-0047 ext 1051.

Sincerely,

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