



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

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Dear Ninth Grade Parents,

Welcome to the Upper School! As the Ninth Grade Dean, my primary goal is to ensure that your children have a successful, enjoyable, and enriching first year at the Upper School. Communication with parents is one essential method to achieve this goal. To that end, I would like to invite you to a very important program in the middle of September.

Our Ninth Grade Parent Night, an informational night for ninth grade parents, will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the Upper School Dining Hall. Light refreshments will be served, and the evening will conclude by 8:30 pm. During this evening's program – which is for parents (students do not attend) – we will provide you with information that will give you a better understanding of the ninth grade year, as well as the Upper School in general. Some of the topics discussed will include academic responsibilities, advising, student social life, learning in a 1:1 environment as an Upper School student, and all of the exciting opportunities available to ninth graders. Communication is a major theme for the evening, and to that end, after hearing *us* talk, you will have the opportunity to voice your questions and concerns in smaller discussions with other parents, your children's advisors, and peer leaders. It will also be a great opportunity to meet other ninth grade parents as your families embark on this four-year journey. Since we will end the night in smaller discussion groups broken up by advisor group, this might be a perfect opportunity to get to know your children's advisors and peer leaders on a more personal level.

I encourage you to attend this special evening, and I look forward to working with you and your children this year. Please let me know if you have any initial questions or concerns. Have a great rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Allison Brown

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