



THE MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

Dear Upper School Students,

I hope you are enjoying a fun and restful summer. I am writing to you to provide you with information on the start of the school year in a few weeks. There are a few exciting changes of which everyone should be aware.

First, all students from grades 9-12 will go through the traditional **Registration Day** process on Tuesday, September 3. Please look carefully at the attached schedule, which shows you the time at which you must arrive and register.

Ninth graders will have a class meeting, meet with their advisors, and go through the registration process with their advisors and peer leaders. Afterwards, ninth graders will head out into the local community with their advisor groups to participate in our **Morning of Service and Community Engagement**. Please look for the letter from Mrs. Brown, Ninth Grade Dean, for more information about these service activities, as well as **Orientation** and the **Ninth Grade BBQ** that happen afterwards.

Tenth graders will also go through the registration process and then head outdoors for our **Morning of Service and Community Engagement** at a variety of Essex County Parks. Students and advisors will spend the morning engaged in a “park cleanup” before enjoying an afternoon of class bonding and leadership building. Please look for the email from Mr. Bosc, Tenth Grade Dean, for more information about the entire day.

Eleventh graders, upon arrival at the Upper School, will immediately head back out into the community for our **Morning of Service and Community Engagement**. After volunteering their time and talents at a variety of non-profit organizations, students will return to the Upper School to complete the registration process and enjoy lunch with their advisor groups. Please look for the email from Ms. Salkin, Eleventh Grade Dean, for more information about the entire day.

Twelfth graders will have a staggered start and end time to the day. All students signed up for a CCO meeting slot and will complete the registration process. Please see the attached schedule and communication from the College Counseling Office for more details.

Dress for Registration Day is comfortable and casual. Ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders should wear clothing that is appropriate for work outdoors, wear closed toed shoes, and make sure to bring sunscreen and a water bottle.

On Wednesday, we will start the **First Day of Classes** with an extended assembly and proceed with a special schedule during which all classes that meet four times a cycle will meet. On Thursday and Friday, we will run regular A and B Day schedules with various meetings in the morning and afternoon activity blocks. We will start our Common Work



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Periods on Monday, September 9. Regular Dress Code begins on Wednesday, September 4, but please note that Wednesday, September 11, will be an Academy Dress Day in honor of September 11.

We have a great week planned for the start of school that will be a meaningful and thoughtful way to get back into the school year, a year that we hope will be full of learning, community, and friendship. I look forward to seeing all of you in a few weeks. Enjoy your last few weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

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