9th Grade Parent Meeting & Odyssey Gear Check







A DYNAMIC COMMUNITY THAT CHALLENGES STUDENTS TO **QUESTION, IMAGINE, AND CREATE** IN ORDER TO **CONTRIBUTE** BOLDLY TO A CHANGING WORLD.



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Welcome, Luna!!!





High School: A Complex Transition





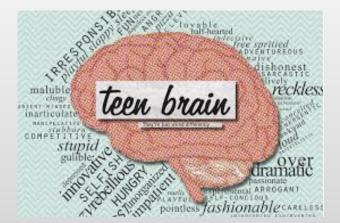
Three Key Shifts

1. Academic Shift

2. Brain Shift

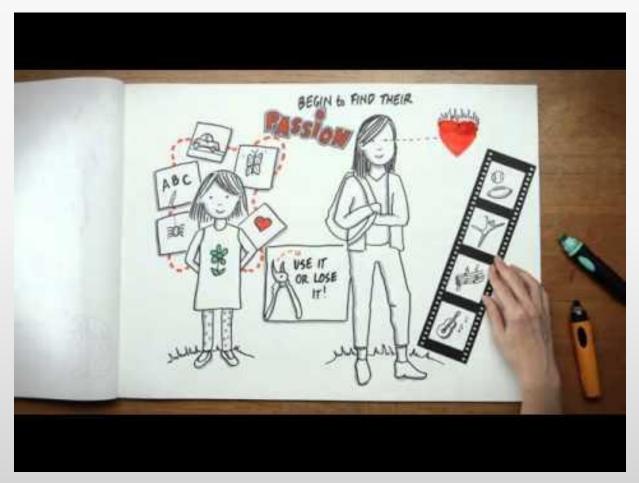
3. Social Shift







Adolescent Brain Video





A Complex Transition

- Transitioning into more demanding levels of stress
- New freedoms and responsibilities create more 'balls to juggle at once', and add to stress
 - Eustress vs. Distress
- Recognize that stress, fatigue, or challenge can cause misfires in the brain at this age
- They are building a workable toolbox of skills; approaching mastery
- Connections take time



Academics and the Brain

Content courses emphasize:

- Structure
- Organization
- Preparation
- All disciplines emphasizes reading and writing development.

Overarching Goal:

To develop self-confidence and the tools of self-advocacy through experiencing small successes.



Academic Development

- **Practice** skills and **Acquire** new competencies
- Take small bites
- Scaffold material
- **Develop** mastery of skills
- Later in the year → **Build** toward mastery



The Teenage Brain



Are you seeing changes in...?

- Attendance patterns
- Engagement: social life, extracurricular interests
- Academic habits
- Health/Hygiene
- Eating habits
- Sleep patterns



Practice Balance



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CEO vs. Consultant

- Celebrate! Right now you are the "CEO of the family company" -- your structure and communication is irreplaceable.
- Hope that when you are 'fired' from CEO, that they use you as a Consultant in their own developing lives 🙄

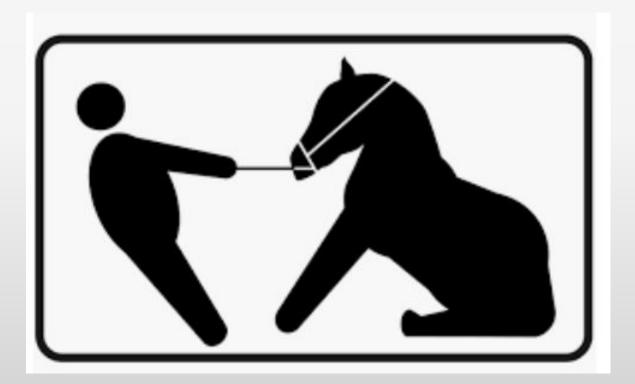


Control vs. Influence

Exercising independence and responsibility is a skill and, like any other skill, needs to be practiced.



Resistance vs. Reluctance





May we make some suggestions...

1. Don't take it personally...even when they make it personal

2. Don't assume

3. Don't wait too long to communicate

"When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you."

- Nora Ephron

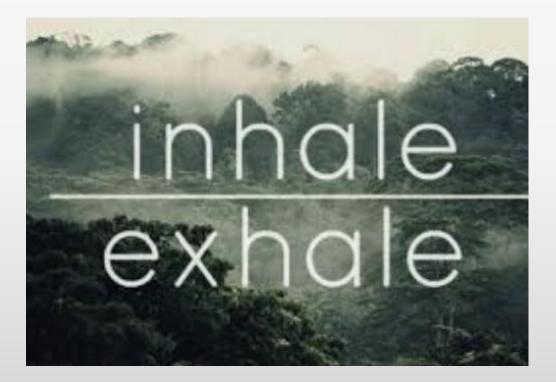


More Importantly, **Do**:

- Enjoy them in the present
- See the positives They are there! and let them know it
- Remember, they are likely to come back around to you after a year or two at college
- Talk to us & Talk to each other

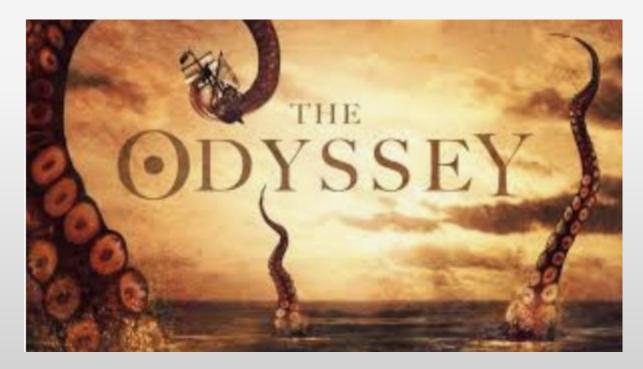


Most importantly...





What questions do you have about the 9th grade journey?



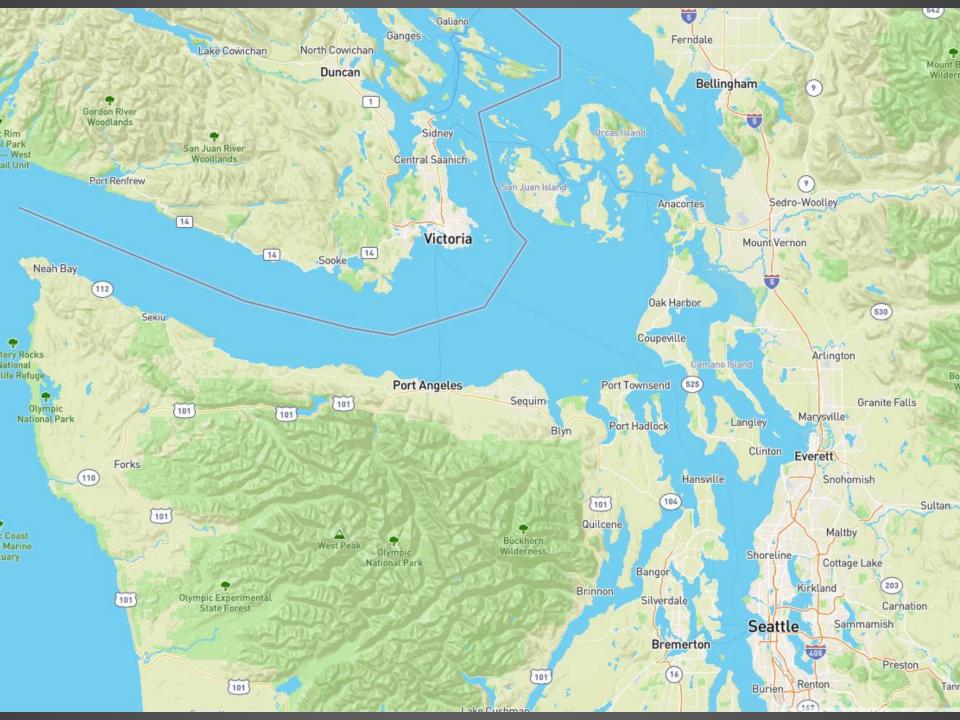


Take a moment to stretch and find your child's Gear Check location!



Odyssey Gear Check Locations	
Advisor	Gear Night Meeting Space
Ali Stewart-Ito	Multi Purpose Room (MPR)
Alicia Iannucci	STREAM 001
Amy Henderson	Vanderbilt 8
Annalise Olson/Bailey Zahniser	Arts Center 204
Cheyenne Gordon	Arts Center 106
Ellie Lind	Arts Center 108
Giselle Furlonge	Arts Center 205
Grant Bowman	STREAM 501
Hannah Chapin	STREAM 403
Jobie Gores	STREAM 301
Kaitlin Webster	Arts Center 213
Magda Buikema	Vanderbilt S1
Mark Wensnahan	STREAM 503
Martin Brakke	STREAM 303
Peter Clark	STREAM 401
Rachel Edelman	Vanderbilt 4
Sarah Miller	Vanderbilt S2
Zac Townsend	Arts Center 105

Odyssey Trip





Wed 9/25

5:45am – 7:30am Olympic: 16th lot and depart Sucia: 12th Ave Block (specific times will be emailed)

10am – 1pm Arrive at Trailhead and begin hiking

Thurs 9/26

Day Hikes/Exploring

Fri 9/27

6:00am – 9:00am break camp for hike out

3:30pm – 6:00pm Arrive back at SAAS 16th Lot



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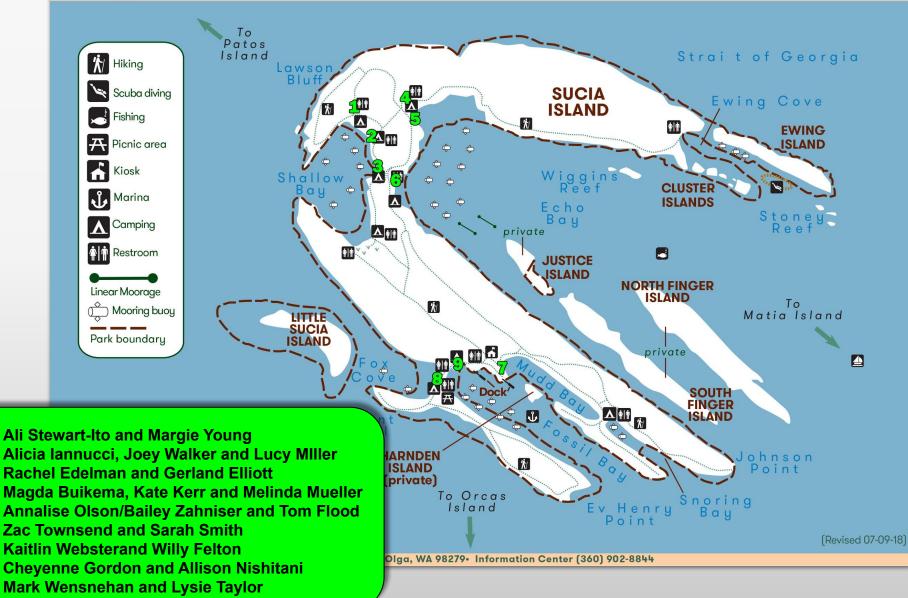
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8.

9.

Sucia Island State Park



Food

- Allergies? Communicate with your leader!
- Leaders provide food for camping and on trip back
- You provide a lunch for Wednesday



First Aid

We have kits, but bring what you think your student will need

Emergency

- Iodine tablets
- Lighter
- •First Aid Book
- •SOAP Note
- •Pen
- •Firestarter

Bandages

Bandaids (non-latex) assorted
Telfas (3x4 non-stick pads for burns) (x4)
2x2 Gauze Pads (x4)
Feminine (Trauma) pads (x2)
Steri-Strips (x1)
NOLS Wound Packs (x2)
Tegaderm (x3)

Coverings

- •1 inch Tape
- •Athletic Tape
- •2 inch ace wrap
- •4 inch ace wrap
- •Gauze Wrap
- •Mole skin
- •2nd Skin

Drugs / Medication

- Thermometer
- Ibuprofen
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- •NyQuil
- •Diphenydramine (Bennadryl)
- •Loperamide (Immodium Anti-diarrheal)
- •Pepto Bismal
- Laxative
- Sunscreen

Protection

Non-latex gloves (x3)CPR Mask (x1)

Cleaning Supplies

- •Hydrocortisone (tube or 6 packets)
- •Tribiotic Ointment (Neosporin) (tube or 6 packets)
- •Betadine Swabsticks (x6)
- Antiseptic Wipes (x6)
- Irrigation Syringe
- •Tweezers
- •Compound Benzoin Tincture (to seal bandages) (x2)



Technology





Departure and Return

- Depart Wednesday 9/25
 - Between 6:00am and 7:30am*
 - Olympic: 16th lot
 - Sucia: 12th Ave Block

(*times will be emailed to you tomorrow)

- Return Friday 9/27
 - Return in 16th lot between 3:30pm 6:00pm
 - Expect an update from Sheila on timing



What questions do you have about the Odyssey Trip?





Find your Students in their

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