

February 27, 2020

Dear 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

February has been a busy month with winter sports, snow days, holidays and activities! I've started my one-on-one meetings with the 10<sup>th</sup> graders and have really enjoyed getting to know them better. I have also suggested some things for them to consider for the summer and activities for next year. We are now heading into mid-semester and we will update you on your children's progress and begin planning for next year.

### **Spring Updates**

Over spring break (March 13 – 29), you will receive a spring update that will include tentative mid-term grades and preliminary comments. The comments will be similar to, but shorter than, the preliminary comments you received in October. Included in the mailing will also be a tentative 11<sup>th</sup> grade calendar for the 2020-2021 school year for those of you who might need to plan for next year. Parent/guardian phone conferences will begin after spring break, when you can speak to your children's advisors about their progress this semester.

### **Course Selection for 2020-2021**

Course selection begins immediately after spring break. Included with your child's spring updates, you will receive a letter with course recommendations for next year from our academic departments. We hope that the recommendations will be a starting point for discussions between you, your child and your child's advisor, and that they make the course registration process clearer. We will also explain the course selection process to all students during advisory and will distribute course registration cards during our Common Day advisory on Monday, March 30. Course registration cards with your signatures are due to advisors by Wednesday, April 8.

### **March 4 – Grade-Level Program**

On Wednesday, March 4, faculty will write the spring updates that you will receive over spring break. Students are not excused from school but will instead have a half-day. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade will have Career Day. We have invited local Burroughs alumni to come and hold small-group sessions with the 10<sup>th</sup> graders on their careers and career paths. There will be alumni representing artificial intelligence & business, law, medicine, art, architecture, and public policy & urban design. All students will also have a session with college counseling. A picnic lunch will be provided after our Career Day sessions, with the day ending around 12:30 pm.

I hope you can make it to our musical, *Chicago*, this weekend and that you have a wonderful spring break!

Sincerely,

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