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Dear New Stratford Parents,

As the 2020-21 SIP Chair, I would like to welcome you to our Stratford family! SIP will be working diligently over the summer to prepare for another exciting year for our students, faculty, and families.

SIP (Stratford Interested Parents) is our Stratford parent organization. Its purpose is to enhance every student's experience and to support our faculty and administration through a variety of planned events throughout the school year. SIP provides the funds and volunteers needed for these activities, which include Back to School Nights, Uniform Resales, Family Tailgates, School Dances, Field Days, Faculty Appreciation Breakfasts, and much more. For a full list of all the fun events we have scheduled, please see the attached 2020-21 SIP Calendar.

SIP meetings are held several times during the school year. Each meeting includes an opportunity to meet other parents, an update on upcoming SIP events, and an informative guest speaker. The highlight of each meeting is a report from Mr. Logan Bowlds, Head of School, who brings us all the latest school news and often reveals some new information that SIP is the first to hear.

Membership is open to all interested parents, grandparents, and guardians of Stratford students. Our annual dues are just \$40 per family, and in addition to funding SIP events, your dues allow us to provide an annual campus improvement; the new Lower School Playground is a shining example! Your membership is vitally important, and SIP NEEDS YOU. Our goal each year is to have 100% family participation. A SIP Membership form is attached. Please take the time to complete it and show your support! You may also join SIP by going to the following website:

[www.stratford.org/aboutus/sip/volunteerform](http://www.stratford.org/aboutus/sip/volunteerform)

During the school year, be on the lookout for SIP emails from Stratford with links to SignUpGenius. By following the links, you can volunteer to help with the SIP events that are meaningful to you. This is an easy way to become involved with SIP and meet other Stratford parents!

Our first SIP meeting of the 2020-21 school year will tentatively be held Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:30 AM. An email with location details will be sent closer to the meeting date. I hope to see you there!

Thank you in advance for your membership, support, and time. I look forward to meeting you!

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