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Dear 10th Grade Families:

I hope you are enjoying the summer and your family are enjoying the summer. Sophomore year can be so exciting for our students; no longer are they the newest members of the community and they have experience, maturity, and wisdom to share with their younger peers. So much growth and maturity will happen over the next few years and we look forward to being part of that process. We appreciate the trust you have placed in GSA to educate and nurture your child.

When I wrote welcome letters last year, we were excited to return to full-time on-campus instruction for all students; with the exception of a few days, we managed the year on campus every day. It was thrilling and challenging! We are hopeful that this year will be even less disrupted and are planning for engaging, thoughtful, and deep learning in our classrooms.

This mailing includes important information and reminder instructions on how to use our e-collect system along with a lot of other information about the upcoming school year. Please read everything carefully and take care of whatever requires action on your part - even returning students will need updates. If you already have a PowerSchool account set up, you do not need to create a new one. If you have questions or need help, please call us at (207) 374-2808.

While full of promise, 10<sup>th</sup> grade is often challenging for young people; one foot still in childhood, and one tentatively planted in adulthood. Our desire is to support them (and you) through this. If at any time you have a question, a concern, or just want to chat about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The first day of school for all 10th graders is Wednesday, August 31. They will be joined by our 9th graders and upper class student leaders. We have designed a special program to help re-familiarize them with each other, the campus, and their advisors, and do community building activities. We will welcome all students to campus on Tuesday, September 6. **Please make sure students wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle on August 31, as they will spend time outdoors.**

It is an honor and a privilege to serve our community and to work in partnership with you. Our team looks forward to an amazing school year.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Gratz  
Assistant Head of School