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Dear 11th Grade Families:

I hope you are enjoying the summer and your family are enjoying the summer. Junior year is, in some ways, the most important one for maximizing the options students will have after graduating. Our 11th graders have faced challenging circumstances throughout their high school experience; challenges bring the opportunity for triumphs, and growth and we know they will continue to thrive this year. 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.

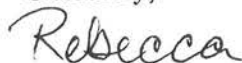
This mailing includes important information and reminder instructions on how to use our e-collect system along with other information about the upcoming school year. Please read everything carefully and take care of whatever requires action on your part even returning students need updates. If you already 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.

In 11th grade, a student's classes move from being introductory to being more in-depth and specialized, thus requiring more sophisticated thought and deeper understanding. The ideas are more complex, and doing well on assignments calls for more independent, creative thought. For students who plan to continue school after graduating, the record they forge as 11th graders will form a large part of their college and university applications. For students who plan to take another route, 11th grade will be fundamental in demonstrating their abilities to analyze and solve problems, to work successfully with others, and to know themselves as thinkers. It is our goal that all students will graduate from GSA ready to take whatever next steps they wish. If you ever have a question or concern, or just want to chat about your child, please call us or make an appointment to stop by.

The first day of school for all 11th graders is a half-day from 8:00 - 12:00 on Thursday, September 1. They will be joined by the 12th graders on campus, and we will run a special program designed to get them re-connected to each other, their advisors, and our campus. We will also have a lot of fun! The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, September 6. **Please make sure students dress comfortably and bring a water bottle with them on September 1 as we will spend time outside.**

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