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Dear 12th Grade Families:

I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer. A student's senior year can be the best one of their high school career. It is the grade when they complete their adolescence, the grade that fully launches them into young adulthood, and for many students, senior year is when many things that have been up in the air finally fall into place. This is an exciting and stressful time. Our 12th graders have faced extraordinary challenges throughout their high school experience; challenges bring the opportunity for triumphs, and growth and they have continued to thrive. 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.

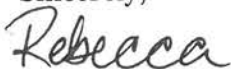
This mailing includes important information and instructions on how to use our e-collect system along with information about the coming school year. Please read everything carefully and take care of whatever requires action on your part - even returning students will need to update our system. If you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

The 12th-grade year is important because it directly sets students up for the next stage of their lives as it also provides opportunities for community leadership. For our seniors who plan to go to college, the academic record they compile in the fall and winter will be an important part of the applications they present. For those who plan to take another route, the work habits they form here will have lasting impact. We strive to be sure that all students are ready for whatever comes next and are here to support your child, and you, during this critical and bittersweet year. If you ever have a question or concern, or just want to chat about your child, please call us or stop by.

The first day of school for all 12th graders is a half-day from 8:00 - 12:00 on Thursday, September 1. They will be joined by the 11th 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.**

Within the next few weeks you will receive a mailing about senior dues (to cover costs associated with this year), and senior privileges - please keep an eye out. 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,



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