Galloway

Dear New Upper Learning Students and Families,

Welcome to Galloway!

As I sit writing this on a summer morning, I can hear birds singing outside my window. Birdsong is fascinating—it increases alpha brainwaves, releases dopamine, and helps restore our attention. Evolutionarily, birdsong signals that we are safe and that the environment around us is rich with possibility and resources.

In many ways, that is what I hope Galloway will become for you.

What I love most about schools is not simply the learning that takes place in classrooms, but the richness of the people who make up the community. It is found in the expertise and care of our faculty, the integrity and support of our families, and the energy, curiosity, and joy that students bring each day. Schools are places of possibility, growth, and connection.

There is something especially exciting about the beginning of a new school year. Even though August in Atlanta rarely feels like fall, those of us who work in schools still feel the energy of a fresh start. For students and families joining Galloway this year, that sense of beginning is even more meaningful. New friendships will be formed, new passions will be discovered, and new opportunities will emerge in ways both expected and unexpected.

What makes this welcome especially meaningful for me is that I, too, am beginning a new chapter. This year will be my first at Galloway, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be joining this community alongside you. Together, we will experience the excitement, anticipation, and possibility that come with new beginnings.

F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote in *The Great Gatsby*, through Jordan Baker, "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." While Atlanta may take a little longer to deliver the crisp air, the sentiment remains true. A new school year offers all of us the chance to begin again—to learn, to grow, to connect, and to become part of something special.

Thank you for choosing Galloway. We are excited to welcome you into our community and look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you in August.

Warmly,

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