

September

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September 2011 Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Dear September School Community,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! It is my hope that students and families will have an extraordinary school year. At September School, we understand that it takes the efforts of parents, staff, and community alike to support student success. As we are an inclusive school, we encourage your input as we move forward this year. We look forward to getting to know you.

I am extremely excited for the opportunity to lead the September School community in the 2011-2012 academic year. The September High School staff and Board of Directors share my excitement for the year ahead. We are delighted to play an integral role in this part of you and your family's journey.

Here's to a great year!

Celeste Di Iorio, M.Ed

Head of School

Back To School Potluck Dinner

September 7, 6:30PM

Join us in the Community Arts Building on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30pm for our annual Back to School Night. **Please bring a potluck item to share.** Both new and returning students, families, board members, and staff are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity to connect with friends and other community members early in the school year. Information about this academic year will be presented, and we will welcome any questions you have about the 2011-2012 school year.

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 7 Back to School Night
- 15 Senior Parent Orientation
- 19 AHA Begins
- 21-23 FALL TRIP

OCTOBER

- 1-2 Open Studios Artist Tour
- 8 Fall Clean Up Day
- 8-9 Open Studios Artist Tour
- 12 Testing Day

New Staff Members

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Spanish Teacher

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REMINDER:
Wednesday is a
LATE START day

After Hours Arts

The fall session begins on September 19th. Please pick up a brochure in the office for a full schedule, or visit www.ymcabv.org.

Mid-Quarter Reports & Spot Checks

All new families joining us this year will receive a Spot Check report on September 9, 2011. You will be provided via email a report with comments from each teacher on how your student is starting off their time at September School. If you would like to continue to receive these reports on a bi-weekly basis, please contact the office. If you do not receive one this Friday and would like to start, please contact the office.

Mid-Quarter Reports are sent out via email at the mid-quarter mark, about half way between the start of a quarter and Evaluations, this month they will be sent on the 28th. You will only receive this report if your student is either earning a letter grade of a D or below, or if your student is earning reduced credit. In some cases, a report may be sent home if your student's performance has drastically changed and neither of the above is true.

Fall Trip

September High School students and staff will embark on our annual fall adventure on **September 21-23**. (We will be returning the afternoon of the 23rd between 2:30 - 3:30.)

This year we will be traveling to **White Ranch Park and Open Space** in Jefferson County with ApexEx Experiential Education. Our theme for the Fall Trip is "Challenging Ourselves." We will use the wilderness as a place to build community, trust, confidence, and communication. Through camping and outdoor initiatives, we will create safe opportunities to overcome challenges, strengthen bonds, and most importantly, have fun!!

Students and staff will have the opportunity to experience rock climbing and rappelling, outdoor cooking, and completion of an outdoor service project for the park service. These activities are facilitated by professionally trained staff and provide safe opportunities for participants to explore their comfort zones and overcome fears that may block personal development and achievement. Team Interaction is important, as group support provides opportunities for individual growth and group cohesion. There are many roles for students and staff who may not be comfortable with every initiative. *While the trip is required for all students, all initiatives on this course are "challenge by choice," meaning no student will ever be forced to participate in any activity that is too far out of their comfort zone.*

Trip packing lists and contact information will be sent out to families soon. Students will participate in trip planning during community class prior to departure. We're really looking forward to visiting this new location and to the experiences our community will have with each other!

Parent Resources

Please see the attached flyer for our upcoming parent education class with parent coach and counselor, Stephanie Bryant of REAL Parenting. These are valuable classes open to all parents and are hosted in our September School Community Building. Please consider joining this class.

Fall Wishlist

- BBQ Grill
- 35 " Refrigerator
- Snack Food
- LCD Projector
- Projector Screen
- USB Flash Drives
- Stainless Steel Teapot
- Yoga Mats
- Lounge Chair
- Floor Lamp
- Scientific Calculators
- Mini Fridge

