

Greetings Bayside Upper School Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend with your families and enjoyed the extra day of rest and relaxation. Labor Day always reminds me of my childhood and the energy that the coming Fall weather brings rejuvenates me almost as much as the return of SEC Football. I was happy to see our stadium packed on Friday night and remain proud of all our student-athletes for how they represent our school when they take to their respective field of competitive play. I was also thrilled to be part of such a spirited all school Pep Rally!

This week is relatively standard in terms of academics and co-curricular activities. For those of you who are new to the Bayside family, we will be hosting a few new student lunches. Please let us know if your child has any feedback from this time we spend together as we further acclimate them to our campus.

On Thursday our 7th and 8th grade students will have their first round of Aimsweb testing. This is an important formative assessment for our students and I can assure you that the academic team looks over the data in detail. We utilize the results to help us identify where our curriculum is strong as well as what areas we can continue to grow in. Most importantly, we utilize the information to assist us in meeting your children where they are so that we may support them academically, specifically in the core areas of Math and English.

This Friday we will have our first Spirit Day. On the first Friday of every month, our students are encouraged to wear Bayside t-shirts along with their approved uniform bottoms. Please let our office know if we can answer any questions regarding Spirit Day. Otherwise, have an amazing short week!

My best,

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