

# BAYSIDE ACADEMY

COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Greetings Bayside Upper School Parents,

As I write this note, our students are in the middle of our first DOK (Depth of Knowledge) day! Our faculty has worked incredibly hard to re-engage themselves with best instructional practices over the last six months. What we hope to see as a result is an increasingly dynamic teaching and learning environment for your students. I am incredibly excited about the road ahead and the energy that I have witnessed during this kickoff to a new school year.

This schedule change plays into a larger conversation, one we placed heavy emphasis on last year. That conversation centers on the paramount importance we have to prepare students to be “future ready.” I shared the following quote last year and want all of you to read it again. Educator David Guerin states that “educators must be on a quest to preserve, promote, and unleash the power of curiosity. It’s precious to learning... It’s in every student. It’s just waiting to be awakened. It’s waiting to spark.” We are honored to take on the challenge of sparking the curiosity within your child, and I think that we have done some effective work to turn our educational hopes and intentions into realities on campus this year.

Please note some helpful reminders for this week and beyond. Tonight, we will host the College Admissions Forum from 6:00–8:00. This is a wonderful event that the college counseling office organizes and one where myriad relevant topics will be addressed. Students in grades 9–12 will have their first dress uniform on Wednesday as we pay tribute to the senior class and hold our annual Convocation. We will host our first football game next Friday night at 7:00. Our theme is “Bayside Goes Country” and we are ready for a spirited day next Friday, capped off by a school-wide pep rally in Moorer Gymnasium. I hope to see you all there!

Finally, for those of you with children who drive to school, please remind them to register their vehicle with Mrs. Williams in the Upper School office. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

My best,



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