

BAYSIDE ACADEMY

COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

September 3, 2019

Dear Intermediate School Families,

I hope you all had a relaxing Labor Day weekend. As I write this, I know we are all relieved that the weather has held and are thinking about those who have been affected by Hurricane Dorian.

I love the independence and responsibility that our students are displaying as we get into the regular routines of the school year. I know that, as a parent, it is tempting to give quick answers your child when he/she is unsure. I encourage you to help your child tolerate productive struggle and advocate for themselves. Your child's planner is the best place to find information about work they need to finish, and learning to ask the teacher for help is an important skill for them to develop. As we approach the middle of the first quarter, I encourage you to limit dropping off forgotten items. It is my experience that students take more responsibility for their personal items when they learn through natural consequences.

This week also begins the window of testing for our fall AimsWeb benchmark. This is a quick test that students take seasonally (fall, winter, and spring) in English and math. The test takes 45 minutes at most and is given by homeroom teachers in 3rd and 4th grades and by English and math teachers in 5th and 6th grades. We use the data from this benchmark assessment to track student growth and inform our instruction. Students do not need to do any extra preparation for this assessment.

As always, it is a treat to see your students come to school with smiling faces every day. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Parents Association meeting on Thursday, September 5, at 2 p.m. Remember, also, that this Friday, September 6, is a spirit day! Students may wear any Bayside spirit shirt with their uniform bottoms. Third and 4th grade girls can wear the royal blue Bayside running shorts or leggings with their spirit shirts.

All my best,



Kelly F. Hughes
Head of Intermediate School