

September 25, 2018

Greetings Bayside Upper School Parents,

It is hard to believe that next week is October! It has been a great beginning to this year, and we are entering our first transition point for the academic year.

Teachers are reviewing their gradebooks and should be reaching out to you if they have significant concerns heading into these last two weeks. Likewise, if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to teachers individually. We will notify parents late next week if teachers think a conference is necessary and your child has below a 75.

In other news, *BAToday* has once again won a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association for Fall 2018. Additionally, first place awards were presented to our staff members for "Best Cover" and for "Best Investigative Reporting." We are so proud of these young journalists and what they bring to our campus with their coverage.

Tonight, two of our students are hosting a presentation as a product of their involvement with the Northwest Passage Project. I encourage students and families of all ages to attend their presentation from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Pilot Center (see flyer)! They will be sharing information they learned about the animals of the Arctic as well as the science and technology used in the research being conducted by the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography. Additionally, there will be a telepresence connection with a scientist from URI via the Inner Space Center.

Finally, thank you all for helping support our *Be Bold, Go Gold* efforts last week to raise money for childhood cancer research. I cannot express in words the impact made by those young people who led this initiative to support Spanish Fort student Caroline Berry and others who are afflicted with childhood cancer. We have not tallied the final number, but I am 100% certain that we surpassed our goal of raising \$1,500 for this worthy cause.

My best,

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