

Dear Upper School Parents,

As you have heard, this week marks the beginning of our new campus-wide **Acculturation** initiative. At four points in the year, the school comes together to meditate upon one of the **Four Cardinal Virtues**. This week, students are discussing the virtue of **Prudence**, beginning with an overview of the virtue itself and a discussion of Fra Filippo Lippi's painting [Allegory of Prudence](#). We will divide the school into the Six Houses later this week for a student-led seminar on [Emerson's Prudence](#), and will conclude with school-wide games on Friday to celebrate the unity that this collective endeavor will bring to our student community.

We look forward to sharing the fruits of our work with you in subsequent updates. Keep an eye on the newsletter and the school's social media in the coming days for more updates. In the meantime, parents wishing to acquaint themselves with the **Six Houses** are encouraged to read the descriptions of the lives of the [House Exemplars](#) and help your students to learn the [House Motto](#).

Warm regards,

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