

Dear Senior Families,

We had perfect weather for our class apple picking trip last week! The advisors and I saw many flashes of childlike joy as the kids enjoyed the hayride, fed the goats in the petting zoo, and sampled the treats in the farm store. I can attest to the fact that the apple cider donuts were among the best I've ever tried, piping hot and fresh from the oven. We brought home a bountiful haul of apples and peaches, and we're eagerly anticipating the bakeoff this Thursday; I'm ready with a red gingham tablecloth and a practiced "Paul Hollywood stare." Stay tuned for the results!













Please remember that this **Thursday**, **September 25th** is **Back to School Night**. We will begin at **6:30pm in Schenck Auditorium**, and then you will have the opportunity to visit each of your

child's classes and check in with their advisor. As senior parents, you probably know the drill by now! I hope to see many of you there.

Please also save the date for our **Fall Parent Forum** on **Thursday, October 23rd** at **7pm in Hajjar Auditorium**. I will write to you again closer to time with more details about our program for the evening. In case you're wondering, my summer read this year was David Yeager's excellent (if blandly titled) 10 to 25: The Science of Motivating Young People, which is helping me to think differently about how we mentor young adults on the precipice of independence.

Shanah Tovah to all who celebrate! I'll see you soon.

Emily