



US Class Dean Update

Hi 9th Grade Families,

From the first day of school to our Camp Mason retreat, it's been an eventful month for the 9th graders!

The first weeks of high school are naturally an adjustment, and I've been pleased by how the 9th graders are making this transition. They seem to be settling into the flow of our academic schedule and making connections with their classmates. The students will start having larger assessments in the next few weeks, so the workload likely will be increasing. With that in mind, it will be important for the 9th graders to establish effective study routines as these assessments come up.

The 9th graders have had positive things to say about their experiences on the Camp Mason retreat. It was a pleasure to see them bonding and working together on the various activities they participated in, and I enjoyed watching them get along in the unstructured portions of the trip. The staff at Camp Mason had very complimentary things to say about our group, and there's a general feeling among the adults on the trip that it was a success. A huge thanks to the advisors who supported their advisory groups throughout the 2 days with a positive spirit and genuine care.

As a few reminders, Back-to-School Night is **this Thursday, the 25th, and families can begin arriving at 6:00pm in Schenck Auditorium** to pick up their schedules for the night. A little further down the road, the 9th grade Parent Forum will be on **Tuesday morning, November 4 from 8:30am to 10:00am in Hajjar Auditorium**.

I must say that the general feedback I'm hearing about the 9th graders is that they're a nice group and there is a good amount of optimism about them around campus. Best wishes for a wonderful Rosh Hashanah if you celebrate it, and I hope to see you on Thursday evening at Back-to-School Night.

Warmly,

Brian