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**FALL UPDATE**

October 25, 2021

Dear 12th Grade Families,

It was wonderful to see so many seniors gather in the Field House a week ago Friday to watch *Ratatouille* and enjoy hot chocolate together. Though the dreary weather forced us indoors, our spirits could not be dampened. It was easy to see how much this class enjoys one another's company, and their camaraderie and spirit have helped to make this school year a positive one for the rest of the student body as well. It's hard to believe we are now more than halfway through the fall semester. How time flies!

**Preliminary Comments**

Last Friday, we emailed your child's preliminary comments to them and to you. (If you didn't see the email, please check your spam folder.) Unlike past years, there is not a mandatory conference for families of seniors, but of course you should feel free to schedule a meeting with your child's college counselor if you'd find such a conversation helpful. Preliminary comments are intended to give students a snapshot of their work so far, and to provide suggestions about how they can improve in the coming months. As you work to support and encourage your child, keep in mind what we discussed at the beginning of the year: focusing on specific goals for growth is always more helpful than getting bogged down in grades and scores.

Please continue to remind your senior that teachers are here to help and guide them, and it is easiest for teachers to do so when students communicate with them. As the experiences of Burroughs alums demonstrate, students who learn to ask for help and act upon their instructors' advice have the most seamless transitions to college. Keep in mind that while preliminary comments are not sent to colleges, we certainly share positive snippets from the comments when colleges ask for or are willing to receive updates.

**College Applications & Submit-O-Mania**

Seniors have been hard at work on their college applications, and we're looking

forward to celebrating with them during Submit-O-Mania Week. Individually, seniors will submit their early college applications and celebrate on campus, **Monday, October 25 through Friday, October 29.**

### **12th Grade Parenting Together**

From noon to 1:15 pm on **Wednesday, November 3**, Jennifer Jones, director of Counseling & Wellness, will discuss "Navigating the Stress of Senior Year and the College Process." All senior parents and guardians are invited to this program sponsored by the Family Network. It will be held in Commons Conference Room 2.

### **AP Exam Registration**

The College Board's deadline for signing up for Advanced Placement exams is **Thursday, November 4**. Students enrolled in an AP class are required to take the exam and will sign up in class. Students enrolled in a non-AP class for which JBS offers an exam (e.g., Statistics or Economics) have the option of taking that exam. To sign up, students should log in to their College Board accounts and register by November 4 to avoid late fees.

If you have any questions, please contact [Johanna Nicholas](#), our AP coordinator.

### **Thanksgiving Speaker**

Every year the senior class selects one of its members to speak to the student body the week of Thanksgiving. Our students, faculty and staff regularly point to this tradition as one of the most memorable and meaningful experiences of the year. We're all excited to see who will speak this year!

### **Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday, November 24–Sunday, November 28**

There will be no school the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to give students a longer break, and to make it easier for families to leave town for the holiday. Please do not take your student out of school early on Tuesday, November 23. Doing so puts unnecessary pressure on students to catch up and on teachers who need to help them do so. As you can imagine, it's also very disruptive to classes when several students are absent. Students who miss school that Tuesday will not be excused from assignments.

### **2022 Yearbook Deadlines**

Members of the yearbook staff have reminded seniors that all senior photos and paragraphs for the yearbook are due **Monday, November 29** (right after Thanksgiving break). Optional yearbook ads are due **Friday, December 10** by 4:30 pm. [More information is available](#) on the Principal Page.

Sincerely,

[Jennifer Salrin](#)

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