



June 2017

Dear Rising Grade Twelve Students and Families:

We hope that you are enjoying the start of your summer! In preparation for the upcoming year, we want to share expectations as well as some updates with you.

The grade twelve Guiding Question is “What is my place in the world?” Students will explore this question through the Advisory curriculum, which focuses on community building, wellness, and goal setting and future planning. Students will work with their Advisors and Ms. Foster, the College and Future Planning Counselor, to continue searching for their place here at Rising Tide and beyond.

As part of the academic program, grade twelve students will take English IV, Mathematics, Science, and three additional credits, as well as Physical Education and Elective courses. Also, a number of grade twelve students will participate in the Senior Internship Program for one semester. All students are expected to spend two hours a night on homework and to continue developing their skills as Self-Directed Learners by seeking help from teachers twice a week during Academic Support time.

Social events will include the Boat Dance in the fall and the Junior & Senior Prom in the spring. There also will be chances for students to participate in community-service projects, after-school clubs and sports, and special trips.

The seniors and their Advisors will kick off the year with an overnight trip to the Highland Center Lodge at Crawford Notch in New Hampshire. The group will depart from the school the morning of Thursday, September 7, and return in the late afternoon on Friday, September 8. This trip offers seniors a chance to step back and reflect on the year to come. If you have not already done so, please make sure to turn in all the permission slips, forms, and \$95, which covers the cost of the trip.

For **summer reading**, all incoming grade twelve students and Advisors are expected to read our community book, *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Students should come to school ready to participate in various discussions and activities connected to the book. Also, students and their families should consult the attached supplies list to ensure that they arrive with the **required** scholastic materials on the first day of school.

Individual schedules and Advisory group assignments will be available at the Open House on Tuesday, August 29. Elective course choices for the first semester will be distributed to students within the first week of school.

We look forward to seeing you at the beginning of the school year.

Sincerely,

The Grade Twelve Advisory Team

The following is a list of **required** materials for grade twelve students:

English:

- A binder with white, lined paper

Math:

- 1-inch 3-ring binder with white, lined paper, graph paper, and dividers
- 12-inch ruler
- TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator (Do not buy a brand other than Texas Instruments.)

Science:

Advanced Physics

- 1 folder or 3-ring binder with lined or graph paper to take notes
- TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator (Students can use the same calculator in Science and Math.)
- 12-inch ruler (Students can use the same ruler in Science and Math.)
- A composition notebook lined with graph paper

Advanced Biology

- 3-inch binder with loose-leaf paper
- Colored pencils

Earth and the Environment

- Marble composition notebook with graph paper for a laboratory journal,
- Binder with loose-leaf paper.

Social Studies:

- A binder with white, lined paper or a notebook

Latin:

- 1 ½- or 2-inch binder with white, lined paper
- Latin-English Dictionary
- Low-odor dry erase markers

Spanish:

- Bound composition notebook
- 1 ½- or 2-inch binder with white, lined paper
- Low-odor dry erase markers
- Spanish-English dictionary to keep at home

For all classes:

- Plenty of pencils, blue and black pens
- Colored pens (for correcting)
- Highlighters
- White lined paper
- 3 ½- x 5-inch index cards
- Boxes of tissues for classrooms