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Dear Incoming Grade 12 Students and Families:

We hope that you are having a great start to your summer! In preparation for the upcoming year, we want to share some helpful information with you. Below you will find information about what to expect next year, as well as information on summer reading expectations and classroom supplies. Please see the next page of this letter for a list of required items for Grade 12 classes.

Individual student schedules and Advisory group assignments will be available through the Community Portal in mid-August. Elective course choices for the first semester will be distributed to students in the first week of school.

The Grade 12 Guiding Question is, “What is my place in the world?” Students will explore this question through the Advisory curriculum, which focuses on Community Building, Future Planning, and Wellness. Students will work with their Advisors and Dr. Fisher, the College and Future Planning Counselor, to continue searching for their place here at Rising Tide and beyond. In their classes, students will continue to develop their skills as Communicators, Investigators, Self-Directed Learners, and Community Stewards. Homework will be an important part of students’ active learning, and they should expect to spend approximately two hours on homework per night. Students are expected to demonstrate their growing skills as Self-Directed Learners by seeking help from teachers in class and during Academic Support and teacher office hours.

As part of the academic program, Grade 12 students will take English IV or an Advanced English option, Mathematics, Science, and three additional credits, as well as Fitness and Elective courses. A number of Grade 12 students will also participate in the Senior Internship Program for one semester of their senior year. 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 in class and during Academic Support and teacher office hours. Some students have also elected to take dual enrollment, advanced courses for college credit from Southern New Hampshire University.

Students enrolled in the [Advanced Literature or Advanced College Composition](#) courses must read BOTH *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte AND *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster. They should come to school ready to discuss and write about these texts in the first unit of their course.

All other incoming Grade 12 students must choose and read [one of our community books](#), *Tomorrow, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin, *The Peregrine* by J. A. Baker, *Babel* by R. F. Kuang, or *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown. Students should come to school ready to participate in discussions and activities connected to one of the books.

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. We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on Monday, August 25th. In the meantime, have a happy and restful summer.

Sincerely,

The Grade 12 Advisory Team

Required materials for Grade 12 students:

For All Classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Colored pens or pencils (for correcting)<input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters<input type="checkbox"/> 3.5x5-inch index cards	
Math: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) three-inch, three-ring binder<input type="checkbox"/> White, lined paper<input type="checkbox"/> Graph paper<input type="checkbox"/> Dividers<input type="checkbox"/> Pencils<input type="checkbox"/> (1) twelve-inch ruler<input type="checkbox"/> TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator* (must be Texas Instruments brand)	
<u>Advanced Biology:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) three-inch, three-ring binder<input type="checkbox"/> White, lined paper<input type="checkbox"/> (1) composition notebook<input type="checkbox"/> Calculator (same as Math)<input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils	<u>Advanced Chemistry:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) folder or three-ring binder<input type="checkbox"/> Lined or graph paper<input type="checkbox"/> (1) graphing composition notebook<input type="checkbox"/> Calculator (same as Math)<input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils
<u>Technology and Engineering:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) folder or 3-ring binder with lined or graph paper to take notes<input type="checkbox"/> (1) graphing composition notebook<input type="checkbox"/> Calculator (same as Math)<input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils	<u>Earth and the Environment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) two-inch, three ring binder<input type="checkbox"/> White, lined paper<input type="checkbox"/> Calculator (same as Math)<input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils
<u>Social Studies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) notebook, or (1) two-inch, three-ring binder with white, lined paper	<u>English:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) three-ring binder<input type="checkbox"/> Divider<input type="checkbox"/> White, lined paper<input type="checkbox"/> Colored pens/highlighters
<u>Latin:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) two-inch binder<input type="checkbox"/> White, lined paper<input type="checkbox"/> Index cards to be used as flashcards<input type="checkbox"/> Latin-English Dictionary<input type="checkbox"/> Low-odor dry erase markers	<u>Spanish:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (1) two-inch binder• White lined paper• 5 binder dividers• (1) two-pocket folder• Highlighters (2 different colors)
<i>*Students will need a TI (Texas Instruments) Graphing Calculator for math and science courses.</i>	
<i>**Advanced and dual enrollment courses may have additional required materials, which will be communicated via course syllabi.</i>	