



June 30, 2026

Dear Incoming Grade 10 Students and Families:

We hope that you are having a great start to your summer! In preparation for the upcoming school 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 also see the next page of this letter for a list of required items for grade 10 classes.

Individual student schedules and Advisory group assignments will be available through the Community Portal in mid-August.

The grade 10 Guiding Question is, “How can we recognize and demonstrate integrity?” Students will explore this question throughout the year in their academic courses and in their Advisory groups as they develop a greater sense of self and seek to act with integrity in all parts of their lives. The grade 10 Advisory curriculum focuses on community building and future planning.

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.

The academic offerings for grade 10 students include: English II; U.S. History II; Chemistry; Geometry or Algebra II; Latin or Spanish; Music Foundation; Dance Foundation; Physical Education; and Elective courses. Students also will participate in a comprehensive Wellness program. The grade 10 academic year includes many special opportunities for enrichment both in and outside of the classroom, and students will have the opportunity to participate in our growing athletics program and a variety of clubs.

Students are expected to acquire and [read one of the summer reading choice books](#). They should choose from the following books: *This Vicious Grace* by Emily Thiede, *We Deserve Monuments* by Jas Hammonds, *Iron Widow* by Xiran Jay Zhao, or *They Went Left* by Monica Hesse. Students should come to school in September ready to participate in various discussions and activities connected to the book they have read.

Fluency in multiplication and division facts is key for student success in Upper School mathematics courses. All students should have their multiplication and division facts memorized. They can practice for free at [factfreaks.com](https://www.factfreaks.com).

We look forward to seeing you at the Open House on **Monday, August 31st**.

Sincerely,

The Grade 10 Advisory Team

Required materials for Grade 10 students:

English: ☐ One composition notebook ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder	
History: ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder with a pocket for handouts ☐ White lined paper - One set of binder dividers ☐ Two 2-pocket folders	
Music: ☐ One manuscript (musicstaff paper) notebook ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder with a pocket for handouts ☐ One set of binder dividers	
Dance: ☐ Athletic clothing and clean socks	
Science: ☐ One 2-inch binder with a pocket for handouts ☐ White lined paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ One composition notebook ☐ Scientific calculator (<i>same as the Math calculator - see below</i>)	
Latin: ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ White lined paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ Low-odor dry erase markers ☐ Index cards (200-300 at minimum) ☐ A Latin-English dictionary (<i>keep at home</i>)	Spanish: ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ Eight binder dividers ☐ Three different-colored highlighters
Geometry: ☐ One 1-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ White lined paper ☐ Hole-punched graph paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ One 12-inch ruler ☐ One protractor ☐ One compass ☐ Scientific or Graphing Calculator* (Preferably: Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS, TI-84+, or Plus CE Graphing Calculator)	Algebra II: ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ White lined paper ☐ Hole-punched graph paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ One 12-inch ruler ☐ TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator (must be Texas Instruments brand)
*Students are not required to have a graphing calculator for Geometry but will need a Texas Instruments (TI) Graphing Calculator for future courses, so families are encouraged to invest in one now, if possible.	