

## **9<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWSLETTER**

Dear 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

It's almost impossible to believe that the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year is soon coming to a close. We hope this has been a positive year of growth and maturity—and we're not just talking about your child! Hopefully, as parents, you felt welcomed into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade community, as well as the broader Upper School community at BB&N. While we're in the final stretch, the school year is far from over. There are more milestones to mark and another set of exams to endure....I mean, experience! So, this is it; one final time for everyone to crack open those calendars and jot down these important dates!

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

The last Book Group meeting of the year will take place at the Newton home of Sonia Parisca-Blanco to discuss ***Netherland*** by Joseph O'Neill. Please RSVP to [Barbara@berenson.info](mailto:Barbara@berenson.info) Since this is the last meeting of the school year, bring suggestions for summer reading lists and for the first fall meeting!

**May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>:** Exam Review Days (No New Material)

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Closing Ceremonies (Early Dismissal, around noon)

**May 26<sup>th</sup>-May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Exam Week

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Six Flags Trip for 9<sup>th</sup> graders (more information to come about sign ups, etc.)

### **Heartfelt Thanks!**

The April 2<sup>nd</sup> **Course Selection Q&A Coffee** was a tremendous success! We had a great turnout and the information was incredibly useful. Our thanks to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Dean David Strodel and Academic Dean Ross Clark for helping parents navigate the various course options and considerations for the Tenth Grade Program.

A big shout out to Susie and Andy Magdanz for offering up their most perfect party pad for our **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Social** on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Hill and Erin Baumgartner did a great job organizing the evening and to all the parents who donated food and drink, a heartfelt thanks!

## **Call to Action**

As the year comes to an end, we are planning another “**Sweet Treat**” for our kids on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**, the last day of exams. We’re looking for someone who would be willing to help make it happen. If you’re interested in volunteering, please email Suzi Johnson at [sfrescojohnson@aol.com](mailto:sfrescojohnson@aol.com).

We are also hoping to identify parents who would like to get more involved in the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade PA next year! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents from across the BB&N community. Specifically, we’d love to identify those parents who are willing to coordinate one Faculty Appreciation Breakfast or work on some of the other exciting Parent Events. If you’d like to learn more about the various volunteer options, drop me an email at [Kasey.kaufman@comcast.net](mailto:Kasey.kaufman@comcast.net). And, thanks in advance.

It’s been an honor to be your 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Reps this year. It was great to get to know so many new parents and, of course, spend time with returning families. Our goal was to create a warm and welcoming environment for everyone in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and we hope we were successful. We were incredibly fortunate to have so many helpful, hardworking volunteers. It’s impossible to list everyone by name (we’d invariably miss someone!), but we couldn’t have done *our* job without your help and input. For that, we are so very thankful. If you have any suggestions or feedback about what might improve our class community, we’d love to hear from you. This is just the beginning of a journey, and we look forward to creating life long bonds of friendship.

Good luck as the countdown to summer begins!

Warmly,

Kasey Kaufman and Suzi Johnson