

UPPER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Dear Upper School Families:

Summer is winding down and our faculty and staff are ready to welcome all upper school students to their first day of classes next week. I have been on campus since early July learning and listening as much as I can about every aspect of Sage Ridge. The halls and classrooms were not as quiet as you might think this summer. Summer at the Ridge was our school's inaugural summer school session and it was a terrific success.

These past weeks I have thoroughly enjoyed speaking with teachers, students and parents who stopped by to introduce themselves and I appreciate the warm welcome I have received as the new Upper School Head. My family and I are elated to be a part of the SRS community and I am honored to welcome returning and new families to the SRS upper school experience.

The 2010-2011 Student-Parent Handbook will soon be made available on the Sage Ridge Website and it is complete with information that clarifies our most important policies, practices and expectations. Please read and review the Handbook thoroughly with your child. In the meantime, I'd like to provide a sneak peak at a few items in the handbook and other helpful information that will ensure a smooth beginning to another terrific academic year. In addition, August and September are filled with all of the important informational meetings, experiential education programs and extracurricular and social events that characterize the beginning of another terrific academic year at Sage Ridge. I encourage you to bookmark the SRS Master Calendar on our website so you can participate fully in our traditions and so you don't miss any opportunities to support your children and be active members of our community.

Sincerely,

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Student schedules: Student schedules will be available to students on Bookday and also on the first day of school that follows.

Dress Code: For boys and girls, the standard Lands' End clothing is required for all days except Dress Wednesdays. All outerwear must be Lands End. Note: Wednesday August 25 will not be a dress Wednesday so please be in regular Lands End dress. Please refer to the specific information about dress sent at the end of last year or contact Ms. Laura Stephens our Assistant to Divisional Heads and the Registrar.

Lunch Program: The personal responsibility that upper school students demonstrated last year with regard to lunch and clean-up allows us to maintain the privilege of serving lunch in the Crossbow Loft. Please see the lunch policies and practices later in this packet for more details.

Athletics: We are all looking forward to a terrific sports season and the success of our student athletes this year. Please see Pat Casey's (Athletic Director) letter later in this mailing regarding expectations, dates and times.

Go Scorpions!!

Parking and Car Pool: In order to provide a safe, efficient, and orderly process for dropping off and picking up students, the first entrance from Crossbow Court to the school parking lots should be considered an exit only. This creates a "one way" system of traffic flow. Entry into this one-way system is at the far end of Crossbow Court (north end) and the Exit is at the south end (ArrowCreek Parkway side of the school). The one-way system has two lanes. The lane nearest the school buildings adjacent to the curb (west side) is painted red and is for drop-off/pick-up only. There is no long-term parking in this lane. Parents who want or need to park should pull into spaces marked "Visitors," directly opposite the Webster building. The lane furthest away from the curb (east side) is a through lane and is to be used to exit the car pool lane once students are dropped off, or picked up. When exiting the campus after dropping off students, or picking them up, drivers should drive no faster than 5 miles per hour and be careful to look for students crossing through car pool lanes. Parents may not drop off or pickup students in the "through" lane.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

9th Grade and New Student Annual Retreat: August 19th-20th - From 4:00pm Thursday to 12:00 p.m. Friday students new to the Upper School will overnight at beautiful Camp Galilee. A dedicated team of Sage Ridge teachers have designed activities to build class unity, ease transitions and demystify the Upper School for all our new students.

New Parents' Meeting: August 26th from 6:00pm-7:00pm - in the Crossbow Loft: All parents who are new to the Upper School, including parents whose children are rising from the SRS Middle School are invited to learn about the Upper School. Some items on the agenda will be descriptions about the new Advisory and Club programs, student workload and student support systems, and college counseling services.

Back to School Dance: August 27th from 7:00pm-10:00pm - All upper school students are invited to shake, rattle and roll. This dance is open to SRS students only.

Outdoor Education Informational Meeting: September 2nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm – The outdoor education program is an integral part of the upper school curriculum and participation on these trips is not optional and is required in order to graduate. This year's trips are scheduled for the week of September 13th-17th (Note: the 11th grade will depart for Pt. Reyes at 9:00am on Sunday September 12th).

Technology Tips for Parents: September 2nd from 7:00-8:00pm - Any parent interested in learning more about the role of technology in their child's education and the use of technology at SRS is invited.

Parent Advisory Council: September 9th from 5:30-7:00pm – The upper school PAC generally meets every second Thursday of the month. These meetings are only for PAC representatives but all parents are encouraged to contact their grade level representative if you have any concerns or suggestions. We would love to hear from you.

PAC Representatives:

Chair: Anne Barnes (11th)

Darla Garey-Sage (12th) – 775-473-4896

Mark Lowenstern/Joan Spelletich (12th) – 530-386-3141

Ann Barnes (11th, Chair) – 775-742-2259

Anne Hayes (11th) – 775-853-5382

Karen Gabriel - 775-883-6678, Janet Lowe – 775-831-7768, Cindy Garduno – 775-852-4606 (10th)

Linda Curcio (9th) – 775-787-1355

Ruth Adams (9th - crossover with Middle School) – 775-884-4585

Save the Date: September 29th, 6:00-9:00pm- BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT