



## 6th Grade Orientation Program

**Fall 2020**

### ***Optional Meet and Greets***

**Drop-in meet and greet times the week before school starts by appointment with Mrs. Gordon** Incoming 6th graders are invited to make an appointment to ask questions about the school the week before school starts.

**Meet and Greet for 6th Graders and 6th Grade Advisors and Teachers** All Incoming 6th graders will be invited to meet their advisor, teachers, the Head of Upper School and other 6th graders. They learn about the school and get to know one another through interactive games. (Families will receive an invitation in August via email. More details about the exact time of the meet and greet to come...)

### ***Formal Orientation Program***

**First Day Of School Orientation** - iPad Training, time to meet and bond with your advisor group, introducing nuts and bolts info about life in the Upper School

**Office Hours** during the first month of school are devoted to iPad training and reviewing nuts and bolts of the Upper School.

**Advisors Lessons** during the first month of school are devoted to digital communication training, community service collaborative work, group bonding and get to know your community activities.

**October Homework Log** is used to collect data about how long it is taking 6th graders to complete homework so advisors, teachers, and parents can work together to help each child develop strategies to manage the workload at home and at school.

**New Student Check-ins with School Counselor and Mrs. Gordon** After the first month of school each new student will be invited to join a small group of other new students to share experiences about the transition to the Upper School.

## **Some Frequently Asked Questions about Upper School**

### **What will the iPad be used for?**

*The iPad will be used to help you organize your notes, keep track of your homework, create presentations, research, practice skills in the classroom and more! It is a learning tool that we hope you will enjoy using in the Upper School.*

### **How much homework will I have?**

*Your homework should take you about 20 minutes per class to complete. You won't have homework in every subject every day. If you find that homework is taking a long time to complete or you are having trouble, your advisor and your teachers are ready to support you with strategies to keep the workload manageable.*

### **Will I have time to do homework at school?**

*Yes, 6th graders have study halls and office hours throughout the week that can be used to get homework done and check-in with teachers with questions.*

### **Will there be recess?**

*Yes, you will have two recess breaks each day. There is a morning recess that lasts twenty minutes and you will also have recess time during the lunch period every day.*

### **Will I get to choose my classes?**

*Most of your classes will be chosen for you but you will get to choose an elective class during the winter and spring term.*

### **What happens on the first day of school?**

*On the first day of school, you will go to your homeroom first. You will spend some time with your advisor and other students in your homeroom while you learn about how the schedule works, and how to set up your iPad. There will be time to get to know your classmates and ask questions. You will also get a chance to attend your classes to meet your teachers. There will be lots of helpful and friendly teachers and students helping you find your way on the first day of school.*