



# The Sound School

60 South Water Street, New Haven, CT 06519

Dear Ninth Grade Parents,

It gives me great pleasure to officially welcome you to the Sound School! I hope you and your child are excited to be part of our community – we are certainly pleased you have joined us. The transition to high school is incredibly important, and at the Sound School our ninth grade team works to ensure that it is as smooth and seamless as possible. We also work together to plan learning that will support your student through a successful ninth grade while building the foundation for their learning throughout high school and beyond.

An important part of this transition is attendance at orientation and we encourage you to bring your child with you. You will both learn a great deal about our school, our community, our expectations, and our culture. We will also review some of the very special aspects of our Ninth grade year – the first days of school, the camping trip, the Ninth grade project, and much more.

I will have a great deal of information to share with you when you join us on campus for orientation at the end of August prior to the start of school. Please remember, **you must attend one** of the orientation sessions and I suggest you come to the Ninth grade session if at all possible. The schedule is as follows:

Group	Date(s) and time(s)
*Grade 9 & New Students	August 23 @ 6:00PM
Grades 10, 11, and 12	August 23 @ 1:00PM or August 24 @ 9:00AM
*Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12	August 24 @ 6:00PM

As you know, parental involvement is critical to the success of our students. Your involvement can take place at many levels, but the most important is for your children to know how much you support and value their experience at school. We see you as partners in your child's education. No one knows your child better than you do, so if there is any information that will help us support your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. Parental involvement in the Sound School is welcomed and necessary.

All students at the Sound School are required to be members of FFA, a national organization of students at agriculture (and aquaculture) schools. FFA provides incredible leadership development opportunities for our students. Dues are paid annually and support student activities here at Sound, at the State, and National levels. This year, FFA dues will be \$30 and may be paid by check or cash at orientation.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you at orientation.

Best,

Rebecca Gratz  
Principal