



The Sound School

60 South Water Street, New Haven, CT 06519

Dear Parents,

The summer is flying by and I am writing to officially welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year! I can't quite believe it, but one month from now, teachers will be back in their classrooms awaiting the arrival of your children! I know it will be another great year!

The somewhat slower pace of the summer at Sound School provides an opportunity for reflection and planning. This past school year we instituted a few big changes across the campus including Student-led Conferences, a new Advisory curriculum, Extended Learning Time sessions, and the Ninth grade project. All of these changes were received positively by our entire community based on survey feedback. It is clear we are moving in the right direction but will make some adjustments this school year.

Orientation sessions provide an important time for our families to learn about the upcoming school year and what you can expect. 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. Please remember, **you must attend one** of the orientation sessions and we encourage your children to attend with you. The schedule is as follows:

| Group | Date(s) and time(s) |
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| *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 at Sound School is welcomed and necessary.

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group of actively involved parents who meet monthly and communicate regularly to support the Sound School community. They will make a brief presentation at Orientation and be available to answer questions and for parents to join.

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

Best,

Rebecca Gratz
Principal

**Please note, both FFA and PAC dues may be paid at Orientation: FFA dues \$30 and PAC dues \$10.