

Summer, 2010

Dear 7th Grade Families:

I hope that you and your child are enjoying a great deal of rest and relaxation during the summer break.

First off, congratulations to you and your child on getting through the 6th grade year and welcome to 7th grade. Although the 7th grade is known to be a challenging transitional period, it is also an exciting time of noticeable personal, social and academic growth for many students. Our 7th grade faculty/advisory team is already looking forward to supporting your child every step of the way and making it a fun and memorable year.

Additionally, I would like to give you a heads-up about the upcoming **7th Grade Fallout**. In general, grades 6-12 begin the year with a short 1-3 day outing that allows students to meet and bond with classmates and faculty. This year, similarly to the previous years, the 7th grade's destination is the beautiful **Marin Headlands** just north of San Francisco. Students will depart for the Headlands on **Thursday, September 2nd** during regular school hours, at 8:25 a.m., and then return to school on **Friday, September 3rd** by 3:20 p.m.

At the Headlands, students will engage in numerous group-bonding initiatives as well as a few easy educational hikes to the local beach, the Marine Mammal Center, the Point Bonita Lighthouse, and the Nike Missile Site. The trip promises to be a mellow, fun and relaxing couple of days for students to ease back into the academic year, to reunite with old friends and to make new ones. Please make sure the required forms for Head-Royce are filled out and sent to the middle school office by **August 17th**. There are no additional forms required for our trip. Later in the summer, I will post another packet that will include a detailed itinerary, a clothing/equipment list and additional instructions. You will be able to locate these forms from the HRS website under the **Summer Mailing** link.

I invite you to contact me if you have further questions or concerns, particularly if you are a new Head-Royce family. The easiest way to get a hold of me is via email (rgarrity@headroyce.org). As well, if you are ever on campus, please introduce yourself.

Until then, enjoy your summer break!

Best wishes,

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