

Summer 2009

Dear Freshman Class Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

On behalf of the administration and faculty of the Bergen County Academies, I would like to welcome you and your child to our school community. In order to facilitate a smooth transition to our campus, we have prepared an important information session for incoming parents on **Tuesday evening August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** (students do not need to attend this session)

An orientation program for the incoming freshman class will be held on **Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Bus transportation for these orientation days will be provided by your local school district. We have notified each district of the dates and times of orientation; however, you may wish to call and verify that your district will be providing transportation on these days. Telephone listings for each district are provided on the back of this letter.

Each morning, during orientation, your child should report to the auditorium for attendance purposes and to review the day's agenda. A cold lunch is available for \$2.40 in the upstairs cafeteria for those who choose to purchase their lunch. **Yearbook photos will be taken on August 27<sup>th</sup>.**

At the end of each day, students will be dismissed from the auditorium. In order to facilitate a smooth dismissal, it is imperative that your child know his/her bus company name and bus number.

Here is a brief description of some of the activities planned for these days.

**Group Dynamics** Ice breaking activities coordinated by student members of SPARK, our peer leadership program under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Sytsma. Please note that your child should have been contacted by their SPARK leader over the summer. If your child has not been contacted, please email Mrs. Sytsma at [nansyt@bergen.org](mailto:nansyt@bergen.org)

**Guiding Light** Conducted by the Guidance Department, the focus is to provide an overview of the services available to your child. Student schedules, core classes, and elective forms are distributed and explained at this time. Your child will bring this information home so that you may discuss elective offerings with them.

**Essentials** Students will receive pertinent information regarding our expectations, school policies, lockers, bus transportation, technology, ID photos etc.

Collectively, our administration looks forward to seeing your children at Freshman Orientation. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at [rusdav@bergen.org](mailto:rusdav@bergen.org) Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Russell Davis  
Vice Principal