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Dear Class of 2013:

*"Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it -- but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor."* Oliver Wendell Holmes

I hope you are enjoying the summer months with your family and friends. Here at the Academy we are hard at work preparing for your arrival at Freshmen Orientation on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

I wanted to share the Oliver Wendell Holmes quote with you in hopes that it will encourage and inspire you to take advantage of the many opportunities for greatness that you have here at the Academy. As you set sail for your freshman year, you embark on the greatest project of all time: becoming *yourself*. Your ship may sometimes take you to uncharted waters, but with a willingness to set your course for success, you will uncover the greatness that lies within you. Here's what you need to know before your journey begins:

**Summer Reading** – information about Freshmen Summer Reading was recently mailed to you under separate cover. You should have all the information you need to get started right away with this valuable assignment.

**Freshmen Leadership Project** – Every summer we ask the members of our entering class to contribute to a global community project that challenges students to think creatively. You will be hearing more about this year's project in a future mailing, so stay tuned!

In addition to information about the summer reading assignment and the quality of life project, our website provides a firsthand look at our parent handbook, information about specific academies, policies, procedures and offerings. We consider the web site to be our information hub. Take some time to familiarize yourself with all we have to offer: the website ([www.bergen.org/academy](http://www.bergen.org/academy)) is your compass as you set sail.

But for now.....welcome. Welcome to your new home away from home. Welcome to what promises to be the best four years of your life. What an exciting time this is, and I cannot wait to share it with each and every one of you.

I look forward to meeting you at Freshmen Orientation. I'm so happy you've chosen us as partners on your journey, and I wish you and your family all the best for the rest of the summer. Relax and enjoy!

Sincerely,

Daniel Jaye  
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