



To Parents of New Boarding Students,

Welcome to the Middlesex community! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children next fall. In past years, the Deans' Office has received a number of inquiries concerning how rooms for incoming boarding students are assigned, so we thought a brief explanation might be useful.

Certain blocks of rooms in each dormitory are set aside for new students, especially those entering the ninth grade, since we have found it advantageous for them to be grouped together. And, we attempt to ensure that entering tenth and eleventh graders have at least some of their classmates in close proximity.

The nine dormitories house between 25 and 37 students and have a mix of single and double rooms. Whenever possible, new students will be assigned to double rooms. The ability to live together, both as housemates and roommates, is a critical facet of the School's residential philosophy. Further, we find that students are most able to hone skills around co-living in their first year at the School. With that in mind, we ask each incoming boarding student to fill out a rooming form. To give us the best ability to place each student with a roommate or housemates please complete that form with care.

The rooming form can be found on the Magnus Health Portal along with Dean's permission forms. Here is a link to these important forms:

<https://secure.magnushealthportal.com/sslogin/login.jsf?schoolID=553873>

The deadline for completing these forms on the portal is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your attention to this. We hope this clarifies our rooming process. If you have additional questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,  
The Deans' Office