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Dear Senior Parents:

As the year starts off at a brisk pace, we want to update you on the events that are unfolding this month in the College Office.

Yesterday, we kicked off the year with a Senior College Seminar where, among other things, we walked seniors through various sections of the Common Application and discussed the nuts and bolts of the admissions cycle. We spent the majority of our time discussing the Common Application but also addressed topics such as application deadlines, teacher recommendations, college visitors, essays, interviews, and standardized testing. Enclosed you will find a copy of the handout we sent your child which serves as the guidelines for their college process this fall at Middlesex.

During the first three weeks of school, we will meet individually with each member of the senior class to engage them in conversations about campus visits, summer experiences, and college lists. Out of these discussions, we will help them refine their lists of possible matches as we explore early and regular admissions options. Once we complete our senior meetings, we will review and offer suggestions to each senior's personal essay and Common Application draft, both of which are due by Tuesday, September 21st. Throughout the rest of the semester, our doors will be open to meet with students to answer questions, review subsequent essay drafts, and tackle any pressing matters.

For parents looking for a timely book on the college process, we recommend "The Truth about College Admission: A Family Guide to Getting In and Staying Together," co-written by Rick Clark, director of undergraduate admission at Georgia Tech and Brennan Barnard, Director of College Counseling at the Derryfield School.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with your child and look forward to meeting you if we have not done so already. Please feel free to contact the office if you would like to discuss your child's plans or set up an appointment with us.

Sincerely,



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