



# THE URSULINE SCHOOL

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Dear Freshmen Parents:

Welcome to the Ursuline family! And for those of you who are returning parents, welcome to the next exciting chapter of your daughter's life: high school. At Ursuline, we are committed to not only educating your daughter through her academics but also providing programs that enrich and cultivate her best self, preparing her to succeed throughout these next four years and long after leaving our halls. It is my hope that many of the activities of our Personal Development department will do just that.

The transition to high school can be both wonderful and overwhelming for many students for a variety of reasons. To that end, we have instituted programs dedicated to help ease some of the anxiety associated with such a transition.

Each year, we begin with an off-site orientation day for the entire 9th grade. This provides an opportunity for both new and returning students to bond and get to know one another off-campus through fun and challenging activities. The day is led by the skilled staff at Camp Mariah in Fishkill, NY with assistance from our Peer Leaders, who will continue working with the 9th graders throughout the school year.

The day will take place on **Wednesday, September 6th** and students must be at Ursuline by **7:30 am**. Please note this is a mandatory trip and is considered as important as the first day of school. Please see the attached sheet for additional information and **return the permission slip via mail or email to the main office by June 30**.

I look forward to getting to know many of you and your daughters over these next few years. Best wishes for a happy and safe summer.

Mrs. Vicki Hertlein-Perez



## Important Information for 9th Grade Orientation Day

- Please arrive at Ursuline by **7:30am on Wednesday, September 6, 2017**. Buses will depart at 8:00am for Camp Mariah
- We will return to Ursuline by 4:00pm
- Students should eat breakfast prior to arrival or bring something light to eat on the bus (such as a bagel)
- Lunch will be provided
- We suggest bringing a bottle of water (please mark your name on the bottle)
- Wear comfortable and appropriate clothing. We will be outdoors all day and in the woods (**Please no short-shorts, crop tops or skirts**).
- Please wear sneakers and sunscreen!

The afternoon prior to the orientation a Peer Leader will contact your daughter directly via the phone provided on this permission slip. Peer Leaders will provide more information about the orientation and be happy to answer any questions for the girls.