The entire day of October 11 has been set aside for parent-teacher conferences. For your convenience, parents will sign up online for one hour blocks with the understanding that if they intend to see all of their child’s teachers, they must arrive at the start of the block. A total of 11 parents or sets of parents may sign up in a block to permit five minute conferences with each of your child’s teachers. Since sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis, parents may not get their desired hour; however, this new procedure should make the process more efficient. The sign-up link will be open, starting Wednesday, Sept. 27. More information to follow.

**TI Nspire Calculators & Navigation System**

Middle School math students are becoming Nspired! Some math courses have already been introduced to the new class set of TI-Nspire CAS CX handheld calculators. Utilizing the TI Navigator software, teachers are able to deliver questions and self-directed activities wirelessly to each student's handheld. All of the students are then able to submit their individual answers for review and discussion. This innovative technology allows for real-time assessment and engaging, interactive instruction. Teachers and students alike are looking forward to using this powerful new tool with future activities and assessments. A sixth grader, Ilana Shapiro stated, "They are better than a phone!" Sam Wurth, an Advanced Algebra I student commented "I feel that the TI Nspire is more of a computer than a calculator." An enthusiastic Mrs. Stoppel shared, “I am really looking forward to exploring and implementing all of its capabilities.”
What a Great Day!

The Eighth Grade Investiture on August 24th was a special day for all participants. The Investiture program reminds the eighth graders of the responsibilities that come with being the oldest students in the school, and encourages them to be exemplary role models. The students began the day with an activity involving their first grade pen pals. Afterwards, Mr. David Clark, the Upper School Assistant Head, addressed the students, reminding them of their many blessings and opportunities, and inspiring them to realize their potential. The students also enjoyed lunch at Two Georges at The Cove.

ERBs in October

The Educational Records Bureau (ERB) test will be administered to middle school students from Monday, October 1 through Thursday, October 4. This test measures the academic progress of your child and the effectiveness of our educational programs. With the results, we are able to facilitate student growth and enrich our academic programs.

Students will miss two class periods each of the four days to take two subtests of the ERB. Having fewer class periods means having less homework, but students may have homework on those evenings.

For the convenience of families with children in both our Lower and Middle Schools, the dates for ERBs fall within the same week in each division. Family vacations, doctors appointments and other absences should please be avoided during these testing dates. In the Middle School, if a student misses a test day, he or she may be asked to make up the missed subtests during the school day on Friday.

For optimal results, please make sure your child has plenty of sleep, a healthy breakfast, and is at school on time.
Upcoming Important Dates:

September 14  No Homework Weekend
September 17  No School (Rosh Hashanah)
September 18  Jim Vreeland Dedication Volleyball Match, 4:00 p.m.
September 19  Legacy Breakfast (for alumni parents, spouses and their children),
               7:30 a.m. in Bernstein Family Commons Room
September 21  Grades available on My Backpack
September 25  Half Day (Yom Kippur); Middle School dismissal at 12:30
September 26  No School (Yom Kippur)
September 27  Beta Club Induction, 7:00 p.m., PA Performing Arts Center
September 29  PA Food & Wine Festival, 7:00 p.m. in the Zimmerman Athletic Complex
October 1—4  ERBs for all Middle School Students
October 5    Grades available on My Backpack; comments for averages under 75% and
               for new students
October 6    Columns Society Reception, 6:30 p.m. in Bernstein Commons Room
October 11   Parent-Teacher Conference Day—No School for Students
October 12   Faculty Professional Day—No School for Students
October 16   Picture Make-up Day
October 17—19 Seventh Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.
October 18 & 19 Sixth Grade Trip to Key Largo