Dear Parents,

With both campuses in full swing it’s hard to believe that Family Weekend is a few short weeks away. Each campus has worked hard to bring our different summer programs together to create our dynamic peer culture and we are off to a great start. In Bath we had our first school meeting and it was clear our students are ready for a productive year. In Woodstock we have set a tone for connecting more on a personal level with our "No Tech Tuesdays." These experiences dovetail nicely with our theme for the Fall Family Weekend – **Rigor, Synergy, and Conscience**.

At Hyde we build our community with synergy through our Brother’s Keeper principle. “**We help each other achieve our best.**”

We are eager to have everyone here and look forward to a productive weekend:

**On the Bath campus - Thursday, October 14th – Sunday, October 17th**

**On the Woodstock campus - Thursday, October 21st – Sunday, October 24th**

The weekend activities will include: Academic Class Rotations, Family Seminars (see attached homework for Friday), Athletic Competitions, Fair Share Campaign, Workshops on the college process, and Regional meetings.

We will offer a Sibling Program for younger siblings ages five through twelve. We also will be offering a unique experience for siblings ages 12-15 that includes off campus activities. Please see the attached brochure for more details. If you would like to reserve a slot for either Sibling Program, please complete the appropriate enclosed form and return it with your payment. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Siblings older than twelve, who are ready and willing to complete the homework and are not participating in the off campus program, are encouraged to participate in the seminars.

We are also offering a workshop for parents entitled “Parents are the Primary Teachers.” It will begin the Wednesday before Family Weekend at 7:00 pm on each campus. This is open to ALL Hyde parents. Veteran parents can relearn some tools and see where their leadership will inspire their student; and new families will begin to grasp the concepts of taking hold and letting go, how to put principles at the center of the family, how to create a character culture in the home, and how to practice Brother’s Keeper and intentional intrusion.

If you have any questions regarding the weekend, please do not hesitate to contact the Family Education office. We look forward to your arrival on Thursday – registration begins at 3 pm and students will be available around 5 pm to go out to dinner with their families. Everyone must be back on campus by 7:45 pm for meetings! The packet you receive at registration will have all the details of the weekend; it is heavily scheduled as we have much to accomplish. Woodstock will also be hosting a JV Football game at 4:45 pm on Thursday. If your son is on the team, we hope you can get here early enough to watch the game. Dinner will be provided for the team and fans.

We look forward to a meaningful weekend full of opportunities to inspire ourselves and our family.

Have a safe trip - we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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HYDE SCHOOLS
Our theme this weekend is **Rigor, Synergy and Conscience**. At Hyde, we believe rigor reflects our striving to reach our best growth. Synergy reflects our capacity to use the help of others in order to move forward. Conscience reflects the most advanced level, helping us develop our inner voice that leads us to do the right thing.

Please answer the following questions in preparation for the first family seminar. If you need additional room please use the back of the sheet.

**Rigor** –

1. How do I feel about my work ethic and ability to maintain rigor in my life?

2. Who or what inspired my work ethic? Explain.

**Synergy** –

1. Evaluate the level of synergy in our family – what’s working and where do we need to improve.

2. How difficult or easy is it for me to accept the help of others? Explain.

**Conscience** –

1. Describe a time when I have listened to my conscience and acted/or not acted upon it? What did I learn?

2. What is my conscience telling me that I need to explore this weekend?