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Summer 2010

Dear Upper School Students and Parents,

Welcome or welcome back to the American School of Paris! The administration, faculty and staff look forward to working with you and helping you make this year one of scholastic achievement, co-curricular accomplishment, and personal growth. If you are new to the school, feel secure in knowing that you are not alone as each year we welcome approximately 100 new students to the Upper School from dozens of countries around the world.

On the ASP website, you will find a course request form for you to select your courses for next year. Course descriptions can be found on our website under Upper School then Starting School. Please fill out the form and fax it to Isabel Cordier, the Guidance Secretary, at (331) 4112 8289. We will do our best to follow your course requests, although final placement will depend on the scheduling links with other academic subjects. Please refer to our website www.asparis.org, Upper School, then Starting School, to get details of summer reading. All students have required summer reading in English and French, beyond French 1. Summer reading is also required for those taking Theory of Knowledge or Spanish. Many other items of interest such as information about our sports program, extra-curricular activities and college process can be found on our website and should be reviewed before coming to the school in August. New this year, we are requiring that all students who have taken a French course before take an online placement test at <http://projets.levels.fr/asparis/>. If for some reason you run into technical problems, do not be concerned. A paper and pen version of the French placement exam can be taken on August 23rd.

Placement Testing, Monday, August 23rd. All new Upper School students should be present at school at 12:45 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. (Students who attended ASP in grade 8 last year do not need to attend.) You will be given a brief introduction on the procedures for **Placement Testing**, which will start at 1:00 p.m. In order to make sure that you will be properly placed in classes, you will take an oral test in French (you should have already taken the online written component at <http://projets.levels.fr/asparis/>) and a written exam in mathematics. (Students should come equipped with a graphing calculator. Please note that the Upper School Math department recommends that students have the TI-84 Plus, purchased in France will cost approximately €125). You should not be overly anxious about these tests; they are given in order to help place you in the academic levels that are appropriately challenging. Students who have not taken French before can expect to be released by about 2:30 pm, as they will take only the math placement exam. All other students should be finished by 3:30 pm.

You will also have an opportunity to meet the Guidance Counselor for individual meetings starting August 19th. All new 11th grade IB diploma candidates should plan to meet with Dr. Brazeau, Academic Dean at 01 4112 8271, bbrazeau@asparis.fr. All new 11th grade non-IB diploma candidates should meet



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with Ms Karam, 11th grade Counselor at 01 4112 8298, skaram@asparis.fr. All new 12th grade students should meet with Mrs. Vincens, College Counselor at 01 4112 8287, lvincens@asparis.fr.

It is strongly recommended that all new 9th and 10th grade students meet with Mr. Vezina, 9th & 10th grade Counselor. Please call Mr. Vezina starting August 19th at 01 4112 8286 or email cvezina@asparis.fr to arrange an appointment.

Orientation Day, Wednesday, August 25th. All new students and parents are invited to a special orientation, starting at 8:30 a.m., in the Performing Arts Center. The day's activities will start with general orientation sessions for students and parents, with Upper School parents finishing at about 11 a.m. Students will remain for tours of our campus, information on extra-curricular activities and a barbecue hosted by the Student Council. Student orientation will finish by 12:30 p.m.

On both Testing and Orientation Day, new students need to arrange transportation to and from the school, as the school bus system will only begin to function on Thursday, August 26th.

First Day of School: Thursday, August 26th, 2010. All students, new and returning, must pick up their academic schedule at 8:45 a.m., in the Upper School lobby prior to reporting to the Performing Arts Center for our opening-day assembly. Assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by a full day of classes, ending at 3:30 p.m.

Again this year, our orientation process will include a special Student Retreat weekend for all Upper School students. Please refer to the upper school website for details. We look forward to a pleasant time of making friends and preparing for a rewarding school year.

Last but not least is an Upper School community-wide picnic at A.S.P. on Saturday, September 4th, from 5-9 p.m. This event, hosted by the Upper School parent Liaisons, will bring parents, students and faculty together for an exciting start to the 2010-2011 school year. Please plan to attend.

Over the summer, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at ahubbard@asparis.fr. Enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to welcoming you all starting August 23, 2010.

Sincerely,

Aaron Hubbard,

Assistant Head/Director, Upper School.