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*Middle School*

Dear Middle School families,

Welcome to the middle school at ASP! As you enjoy your summer together as a family, please take a moment to look ahead to the fall in preparation for a wonderful and exciting year at the middle school.

Here's a checklist of items to consider as you plan for the fall:

- Please complete the **Specialist Course Sign-Up Form** and return it to the Middle School Office as soon as possible. *Posted on the website.*
- Plan the required **summer reading** for English class—students are encouraged to read more than the minimum of three books. Also see the recommended readings from the French teachers. *Posted on the website.*
- If you are new to ASP and you think that your child might be best placed in an advanced class in mathematics, or in a French class above the beginners' level, then please have your child take the **Math and French Placement Tests**. These will be sent to you by email in early summer.
- All seventh and eighth grade students will be joining the September Outward Bound trips in England. We will send you further information by email concerning a **visa or a "Document de Circulation"** that you may need if your child is not a European Union citizen.
- Please review the **Outward Bound clothing list** for the upcoming September trips to Savoie (grade 6) and England (grades 7 and 8). *Posted on the website.*
- Check the **supplies list** of items that students will need for the beginning of school. *Posted on the website.* If you are a returning family, we will have encouraged your child to sign up to be a buddy for a new student. This sign-up was done in May, buddies assigned in June, and new students will be welcomed by their buddies before the start of school.
- Mark your calendars: **Middle School Open House** evening is Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 7:00 PM. At Open House you will meet all your child's teachers and learn about the program for the year.
- New ASP families should come to school on **Orientation Day**, Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents will participate in a general orientation session, followed by a more specific session about the Middle School with me. Meanwhile, students will have a separate orientation program led by our students and teachers. These will both finish by late morning.
- For returning students, **Advisory lists** will be posted on Thursday morning, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Middle School section of the ASP website has copies of all the key forms, our *Middle School Parent Handbook*, our *MS Curriculum Guide*, a one-page calendar of some of the main MS events, and more.

Our teachers create a supportive and nurturing community here at the Middle School; we know that your child will transition easily. With our challenging academic program and so many wonderful opportunities available, we know that your child will be challenged academically and will be engaged in activities that will help them to fully develop and explore their interests and talents.

If you have questions about any aspect of our program, feel free to e-mail me ([kminer@asparis.fr](mailto:kminer@asparis.fr)). I'm happy to answer your questions and help you and your child every step of the way through your child's transition to the Middle School. I look forward to seeing you all in August.

Sincerely,  
*Kathy Miner*  
Middle School Director