

Dear Upper School Parents,

Thank you for another successful year at HLS! Below is information which will assist you during the summer break and help your student hit the ground running in August. Don't forget these important dates and summer preparation, listed below.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

HLS Administration

### Important Dates

- **Thursday, August 10** at 7:00PM – Upper School Orientation for rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade and new students (Location TBD)
- **Thursday, August 17** at 7:00PM – Parent Orientation (Location TBD)
- **Friday, August 18**, 1:00-3:00PM – Meet the Teacher
- **Tuesday, August 22** – Fall Term Begins

### Summer Preparation

#### Study Skills Boot Camp

- **Two dates available:**
  - **Monday, July 24**, 8:30-11:30, Crescent Hill
  - **Friday, July 28**, 8:30-11:30, Crescent Hill

HLS will be holding a study skills boot camp for upper school students. Skills presented and practiced are keyboarding, bookmarking, note taking, outlining, and personal organization. RSVP to [jborah@hls.org](mailto:jborah@hls.org) by Monday, July 17.

#### Math Drills - Rising 7th Grade

- A workbook of math drills will be sent home with your student and will provide practice of recent concepts taught. Students should focus on accuracy and work to increase their speed. Aim to complete two drills per week. Students will turn their completed workbook in to their teacher on Meet the Teacher Day for a homework grade.

#### Latin Review - Rising 7th & 8th Grade

- Please see the Summer Latin Review letter for a detailed strategy for reviewing Latin vocabulary.

### **Keyboarding** Preparation

- R7 students will receive an email about online training software *Typing Club* on May 31st that will lead them through different levels of typing. (There are small ads connected with this website, so please disregard those.)

**Required Reading** is listed below. Books will need to be purchased or borrowed from the library. English teachers give a writing assignment on summer reading books to help keep students accountable for their reading.

- Rising 7th - *Story of the World* Vol. 4: The Modern Age by Susan Wise Bauer  
& *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- Rising 8th - Girls read *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
Boys read *Mr. Midshipman Hornblower* by C.S. Forester
- Rising 9th - *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot
- Rising 10th - *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Emma Orczy
- Rising 11th - *The Spirit of the St. Louis* by Charles Lindbergh
- Rising 12th - *Nicholas and Alexandra* by Robert Massie