



**FRENCH-AMERICAN SCHOOL  
OF RHODE ISLAND**  
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From the desk of the Middle School Director:

It's been a busy week! Our new sixth-grade class is quickly getting used to the pace and rhythm of the middle school as they move from class to class and subject to subject.

**Back-to-School Night**

I look forward to seeing you at Back-to-School Night! I will introduce our new French teacher, Hans-Bertrand Mugnier, as well as our new Director of Technology, Miles Henderson. I will also discuss our plans to create a Middle School Handbook, improve class scheduling for 2014-2015, produce a play, and create field trip experiences that are both fun and educational.

**Art and Music**

This academic year, we are happy that we are able to offer both art and music year-round. Each discipline will alternate each week throughout the year.

**Classical High School Entrance Exam**

Those eighth graders who plan to apply to Classical High School: The entrance exam will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2013. The exam will begin between 8:30 and 8:45am. Please contact Kate Gorton ([kgorton@fasri.org](mailto:kgorton@fasri.org)) to register your child.

**SSAT Mock Exam**

A mock SSAT exam will be given for all interested seventh and eighth graders on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 5:30pm in the Middle School.

**Transition to High School Meeting**

Eighth Grade Parents: The Transition to High School meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the middle school. It's an opportunity to learn important information about the high school application process.

**Permission Slips for Sailing and Kayaking**

Students were given permission slips for kayaking and sailing. Those permission slips must be turned in by Friday, otherwise your child will not be able to participate in this activity.

**Class Parent Delegates**

A big "thank you" to Carrie Drake and Denise Davis for volunteering to be this year's parent delegates for the middle school. If you have general concerns or questions about the middle school—questions or concerns that you think other parents would like answered as well—please forward those questions to either Carrie or Denise. For specific questions about a certain class, please contact the classroom teacher directly via email. Of course, you may always contact me directly.

Best wishes for a great year ahead,

Mr. Freitas  
Director of Middle School and English Program