



June 19, 2009

Dear Middle School and Upper School Parents,

Our students in the Middle and Upper Schools have worked hard over the past school year with very positive results. Their report cards, awards and recognitions reflect our Gerstell Academy focus on excellence. The summer break is the time to refresh our spirit and mind before we begin to refocus on the exciting teaching and learning opportunities that await us in the new year.

Two academic areas in which we constantly differentiate based on the functioning levels of the students are Mathematics and Spanish. We recognize the importance of addressing the individual student strengths and challenges associated with these content areas in order to provide the optimum learning environments in the new school year.

This summer, again, we are able to offer a summer academic camp experience for many of our students. This year's camp will address both of these content areas and we will offer two different time frames to accommodate your busy summer travel schedules.

The summer camps for rising sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grade students in Mathematics and Spanish will take place in the Paterakis Athletic Center (PAC) during the month of August. This strategically focused instruction will solidify the foundations of required skills and concepts contained in general Mathematics, Algebra, Geometry as well as Middle and Upper School Spanish.

Student participants will be assessed by the teachers to determine the appropriate area of concentration. Small group instruction based on individual learning challenges will provide the needed skill reinforcement and application to ensure a positive academic start to the new school year.

We are fortunate to be able to offer two opportunities to participate in both the Mathematics and Spanish Camps. If you would like your child to participate in both Mathematics and Spanish Camp, they should register for both sessions. It is not possible for the student to attend both camps during the same week. Both camps will provide separate tutoring in Mathematics and Spanish.

The first session of camps will take place from August 3rd through August 7th. The second session of camps will take place from August 17th through August 21st. In each case, the camp will start at 8:30 in the morning and end at 11:30 in the afternoon. Both camps will be housed in the Academic West Wing of the Paterakis Athletic Center.

These camps will be taught by the highly skilled teachers from our Gerstell Academy Middle and Upper School Faculty.

If this unique learning opportunity is compatible with your child's academic needs and your family's summer schedule, please complete the attached application and return it to Ms. Wilkens in the Middle School Office no later than July 10, 2009.

These are voluntary camps with a cost less than half of many other third party sources. The cost of each camp is two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) and must accompany the application by the noted deadline. Please make checks payable to Gerstell Academy.

If you have any questions relative to this learning opportunity, please contact Ms. Wilkens in the Middle School Office for assistance at 410-861-3000 x2147 or via email at mwilkens@gerstell.org.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our academic programs for the Middle and Upper School students.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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