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Dear Rising 9th Grade Students & Parents:

We are very excited that you will be joining us in the fall as a Golden Hawk! We are committed to making your transition to high school as smooth and successful as possible. In an effort to promote that success, we are reaching out to share the following information and resources with you.

First, we hope you will join us at Holly Springs High on Thursday, February 15, 2018 for our annual Curriculum Fair. During this event, you will be able to learn about different course options and programs of study in preparation for course registration for 2018-19. You will also be able to learn about Advanced Placement courses, student organizations, the arts, athletics, and other incredible parts of the high school experience. We will have special sessions for rising 9th grade families to discuss the transition to high school. The same session will be offered twice – once from 5:30-6:00pm and then again from 7:00-7:30pm. There will also be student ambassadors available for guided tours throughout the event.

Second, please plan to attend Flight Academy, our 9th grade orientation program, on Thursday, August 9, 2018. On this day students and parents will have an opportunity to explore "A Day in the Life of a Hawk." We are planning lots of exciting team building activities to get to know each student better and to familiarize our students and parents with our campus before the first day of school. We want the summer Flight Academy to be the first of many successful experiences at Holly Springs High School. You will receive more information about this in the coming months.

Last, we have dedicated a page of our website to all information relevant to rising 9th grade families. You can access this site on the Holly Springs High website under "Students" or using this shortcut link: http://bit.ly/HSHSRising9. This site includes basic information about the school, links to information about 9th grade course registration, frequently asked questions, and important contact information that may help you to answer questions about our school and the transition process to high school.

We are excited for you to join us at Holly Springs High! If there is anything we can do to support you in the next couple of months leading up to August and your Golden Hawk adventure, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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