

June 28, 2010

RE: 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION INFORMATION

Dear ninth grade students and parents,

As July begins, thoughts once again turn to the upcoming school year and the excitement about starting ninth grade at Bosque. Hopefully this letter finds you enjoying your summer vacation.

Please read the information in this letter carefully because there is important information about 9th grade orientation on Tuesday, August 17th which is for **all** 9th grade students.

9TH GRADE ORIENTATION: MANZANO MOUNTAIN ROPES COURSE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 7:15 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

As is our tradition, we have planned a day for all 9th grade students on the ropes course at Manzano Mountain Retreat, affectionately known around here as Apple Mountain. **We will meet at school in Budagher Hall no later than 7:15 a.m.** and then board buses to head up to Apple Mountain. We will return to school by 5:30 p.m. **Parents please plan to pick up your student at 5:30 p.m. at school.**

During this day, there will be an opportunity to meet the new members of your class, visit with friends, and chat with teachers and advisors. The day will also provide opportunities for individual challenges and team building activities. The Manzano Mountain Retreat staff will facilitate activities on their climbing wall and an element of the high ropes course; be assured these activities will be safe and are “challenge by choice.” Your teachers and advisors will also spend time preparing you for the start of the school year. Most importantly, we will get to know each other better before beginning school on Thursday, August 19th. Of course, as a part of participating, Manzano Mountain Retreat needs 9th grade students and parents to fill out and sign the enclosed forms. There are two required forms: students must sign the “**Agreement to Participate**” and parents should sign as the witness, and students and parents must fill out the “**Manzano Mountain Retreat Health Statement**” and again sign the document. **Please return these two forms to the front office at school no later than Monday, August 2nd.** Lunch will be provided so students only need to come prepared for a day of participating outside. I have included a short list of guidelines to help students prepare.

Although we expect all 9th grade students to attend, if there is some irresolvable conflict for your child, please contact Victoria Dahlberg, my assistant, at vdahl@bosqueschool.org or call her at 898-6388 after August 2nd. Since Ms. Dahlberg and myself will be out of the office on vacation during July, please email me any questions at dkey@bosqueschool.org; I will periodically check my email during my time away from school.

We are looking forward to spending the day with all new 9th graders on August 17th!

Sincerely,

Doug Key
Head of Upper School