



Dear Imagine Rising Ninth Grade Families,

We are so excited to welcome you to your new journey in Upper School. We are going to be here every step of the way to share information and to support your family with this transition. There are many changes coming your way and the first step into this adventure is course registration. In order to help each Champion understand the course offerings we have and choose appropriate courses, each Champion will sit down with an Upper School faculty member to complete their initial registration process next week. After they have been advised, your student will bring home their registration card for your signature. If you approve of your Champion's course choices, please sign and return the registration card to the front office by Thursday, March 23rd.

If you want to sit down with your Champion and an Upper School faculty member to talk more about your child's placements and their four year graduation plan, please sign up for an appointment here: [Upper School Registration Appointments](#).

Please be aware this is an initial registration process. Changes can and will be made as student's final grades are finalized for current courses and other needs arise.

To see a full list of all of our course offerings please visit our [Upper School Academics page](#). To understand the placement requirements for Honors and AP courses, please click on the placement details pages for each subject area. If your child does not meet the requirements to take an Honors level course, there is a waiver process. Please find the [Honors/AP waiver](#) on the Upper School Curriculum page. Completed waiver forms should be submitted at the front office by Thursday, April 27th.

The Fine Arts department will advise your Champion regarding their Fine Arts course placement. Your Champion's current Fine Arts Collegiate Leader will discuss this with each student in class. If your Champion decides to switch their Fine Arts focus they will be given an opportunity to do so when they register for their courses. Entry into Jazz Band, Color Guard, Vocal Ensemble, Theater Arts Ensemble or Visual Arts Honors must be approved by the Fine Arts Department. Please visit the [Fine Arts Placement Criteria page](#) for details.

As our school grows, each year brings new challenges and exciting resources. Our Upper School will be growing next year and we are making big plans! Below is a preview of a few of those changes.

- We will be adding 5 new Collegiate Leaders for Upper School
- Mr. Vervain will be transitioning into our full time EC Coordinator and we will be hiring a full time Upper School Dean
- Our Course Offerings will be extensive in Upper School including Honors and AP level courses at all grade levels
- We will have National Honors Society in our Upper School
- Our Athletic and Band Programs will expand into our Upper School
- Our Upper School is evaluating alternative locations that will meet our growth needs until we move into our permanent facility in 2018-2019. We are evaluating transportation plans as part of this decision.

We know many of you are anxious to hear more about Upper School and we are excited to share detailed information with you about Upper School at Imagine during our rising ninth grade night on Tuesday, May 2nd from 6-7pm.

Welcome to Upper School!
Abbey Gelineau, Upper School Counselor
Sean Vervain, Upper School Dean
Jenn Townley, Head of School