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Hello all,

Around this time, I usually turn my attention to summer. How will I use those months to prepare for the coming school year (in other words, what does my summer reading list look like)? Summer is great for our students too, for all kinds of reasons. Some of our students choose to get jobs. Others look to refine hobbies and skills. Still others take those months to catch up on some needed sleep. Today I'd like to recognize a couple of sophomores and what they will be doing over break.

A few weeks ago, **Maggie Schneider** told me that she had been accepted to Brown University's pre-college summer program on environmental leadership. The summer program is centered on Brown's campus but also involves field work throughout Rhode Island. Students in the program "dig into resources about environmental advocacy and environmental justice literacy while learning about socially responsible leadership. They use the Brown campus as a site to explore the research that drives decisions in sustainability and the connections between people and the environment." Maggie is clearly excited about the opportunity. She is eager to live on a college campus for a few weeks and work with like-minded peers. Maggie also wants to capitalize on this opportunity to test the waters of environmentalism. Could that be a possible major for her several years from now?

Ailsa Ide will also be exploring new academic avenues this summer. She is one of 330 sophomores from across the state admitted into the Missouri Scholars Academy. Over three weeks this summer, Ailsa will participate in a "specially-designed curriculum with interdisciplinary courses, and a variety of stimulating extracurricular activities." The Missouri Scholars Academy is run by Mizzou's Honors College with the belief that "Missouri's gifted youth must be provided with special opportunities for learning and personal development in order for them to realize their full potential." Each scholar will take a major and a minor in one of the following fields: math, science, social studies, and the humanities. These choices worry Ailsa slightly. She was torn over the courses offered in previous years. If they offer both "Music Theory" and "Designing an Escape Room," which would she take? That's a good problem to have.

I couldn't be prouder of the students and am excited to hear how they fared in their programs.

Pax,

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Upcoming Events

April 1

Science Olympiad State Championship: Emily Rattini and Ailsa Ide will be competing in the Science Olympiad State Championship at Missouri State University.

April 3

Welcome Robyn Fuchs: On Monday Mrs. Fuchs will start working full-time in the front office. Please send your attendance questions and concerns to her, rfuchs@duchesne-hs.org

April 4

Home Tennis, Volleyball, and Soccer

April 5

Home Tennis, Soccer, and Baseball (Doubleheader @ BMAC)

April 6

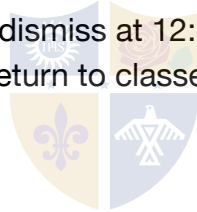
Half Day: Classes will dismiss at 12:05 for the start of Easter Break. We will return to classes on April 11th.



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Senior Graduation Information

May 16

Baccalaureate Mass: The Baccalaureate Mass is the last mass the seniors will celebrate as a class. It is also the kick-off to graduation week. The mass will be held at St. Peter's Church in St. Charles. It will start at 6:00. We will have an awards ceremony immediately following mass. Doors will open at 5:30

May 17

Graduation Practice: All graduates need to be in the PAC by 9:45 a.m. for graduation practice. We will not start practice until everyone gets to school.

May 18

Graduation: The ceremony begins at 6:00. Graduates should arrive to school and be in the PAC by 5:30. The doors to the Ted Yeater Athletic Center will also open at 5:30 for the friends and families of our graduates. Each graduate will get 8 tickets (4 preferred seating, 4 general admission) to the ceremony at graduation practice on the 17th. If families would like more tickets, please let us know. For more details on graduation, please see the email from Mrs. Turner

