

11th grade letter

August 9, 2023

Dear Students and Parents of the Class of 2025,

We hope this letter finds you well-rested and ready to begin the 2023/24 school year as we embark upon our inaugural class trip to Angel Island! Our adventure begins as we travel by ferry from San Francisco. Once on Angel Island, *Absolute Adventures* will instruct us in our objective as we compete against other teams to complete a series of missions where some are serious and some are downright silly. We will break for a picnic lunch, and snacks will also be provided. This will be a day for catching up with your friends and, perhaps, making a few new ones along the way, all while enjoying the views and scenery of the beautiful San Francisco Bay.

Important Departure Time/Location Information: We will travel by bus, departing the Saratoga Campus starting at 7:15 a.m. **Students should arrive for bus boarding NO LATER than 6:55 a.m.** Students will return to campus between 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. A complete breakfast at home is strongly recommended to start this fast-paced day. Upon arrival on campus, you will locate your advisory group before boarding the bus.

If you are unable to attend and you haven't done so already, please contact Kelley McCoy immediately at kelley.mccoy@harker.org with the reason for the absence. If you have not let us know whether or not you will be attending, **and** we have not heard from a parent or guardian regarding the reason for the absence, the absence from the class trip will result in an unexcused absence as the class trip is an official school day.

What to bring:

- Warm and cool layers, including a layer that acts as a windbreaker - weather can vary significantly from hour to hour on the island, especially during the summer, so be prepared for all kinds of conditions.
- At least 1 Liter of water in a reusable bottle
- Make sure you have a good breakfast. You'll want energy to compete with the other advisors.
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Comfortable footwear suitable for walking (sandals aren't ideal since you may be walking in the forest to solve some of your missions)
- Fully charged smartphone - students will use their phones during our adventure to take photos.
- Backpack for carrying water and your lunch
- Your sense of adventure!

How to prepare for your advisory missions:

Students are invited (but not required) to download a free app that is available for any Android or iPhone. They will be using this app for the Photo Scavenger Hunt, but having the app is not required for participation in the game. The app is called "Goosechase." The logo is orange with a white "g" that looks like a bird. If you download the app, please only download it and **DO NOT** log in, sign in or create an account. We are building teams for students in advance that they will log into during the hunt kick-off on the Island.

Get ready for a day of high excitement and plenty of fun! Please feel free to contact either of us by email if you have any questions about the day.

Sincerely

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