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Welcome!

Our students are instrumental in shaping Island Pacific Academy's brief history. They are challenged to initiate distinctive Upper School traditions that mark the transition from childhood to adulthood—high school to college. This is truly a unique experience in the life of a school and a student. If you are new to our school in the coming year, I am pleased that you will lend your talents and voice to this process. We look forward to welcoming back our returning students as well.

This letter is part of a larger mailing full of important information about the Upper School, including an August and full year calendar. Freshmen are required to attend a three day orientation, August 17-19 (please see enclosed information for Camp Timberline and the August 19th orientation at IPA). There is a brief required orientation for new sophomores and juniors the afternoon of Thursday, August 19th, from 2-3pm in the 3rd floor library. The August calendar highlights important dates, including mandatory parent orientations August 19 and 20. All parents, new and returning, must attend one of these two dates.

If you are new student to IPA, please call and schedule an appointment with Stan Vincent, the Upper School Dean of Students, as soon as possible. At that time you will schedule your 2010-2011 coursework and have the opportunity to ask questions that you may still have about the Upper School. Dean Vincent can be reached at 674-3565. Please note, new students need to take placement exams for mathematics and languages prior to meeting with Dean Vincent. The Admission Office will contact those new students who still need to complete their placement exams.

All students intending to participate in ILH sports in the 2010-2011 school year (Fall, Winter, or Spring seasons) must attend the *Student Athlete and Parent Meeting* scheduled for Monday, August 16th, at 6pm in the MPR. All fall sport practices statewide begin the end of July. Parents and students should be aware that a decision to miss early practices may result in the failure of a student to make a team or to play in the early part of the season, particularly in junior varsity and varsity level athletics.

Rising seniors are reminded to call Mrs. Armstrong at 674-3564 to schedule a summer appointment with either Mr. Rampersaud or Mr. Nelligan for college counseling and application support. We look forward to a successful 2010-2011 school year.

James Nelligan
Secondary Principal