

APPLEBY COLLEGE



June 21, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you excited about the 2024-2025 academic year. I would like to introduce myself and provide you with some information to assist with the transition into Senior School at Appleby College.

I am the director of Senior School, overseeing all aspects of the curriculum and student life for the senior students. I completed my Honours Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and Bachelor of Education at Trent and my Master of Education (Administration and Leadership) at Brock University. This will be my ninth year as the Director, Senior School and seventeenth year at Appleby College. Over those years I have been the Boarding Life Don and Assistant House Director of Colley House and the House Director of Powell's House. I am involved in coaching Rugby and Hockey; work with the Senior School Council; as well other student committees.

The opportunities at Appleby are endless, and all students are encouraged to make the most of their time and to try new experiences. The co-curricular choices for senior students are varied, and there are several significant program differences from the Upper School years. Senior students have the option to pursue either an art or a service co-curricular activity for an entire reporting period, and there is a wider selection of academic courses. In many ways, the senior students set the tone for the entire school, and it is expected that they will lead by example.

Most senior students live in one of the four boarding houses we have on campus and are therefore able to take advantage of the school's wonderful facilities and develop a strong academic and social network. The boarding life program is intended to promote our boarders' academic, social, cultural and personal growth within a safe and inclusive boarding community. Central to this mission is the development of understanding responsibility in a supportive living and learning community.

There are several important events that will take place for you and your child in September to help welcome you to the Senior School within the Appleby community. Below are some important pieces of information, including events that are extremely important and promise to be very beneficial.

New and Returning Senior School Student Orientation

Senior One (Grade 11) Student Orientation

All **new and returning** Senior One (Grade 11) students are required to attend the Orientation Day on **Thursday, September 5, 2024** as outlined below. Students are to come dressed in casual, comfortable attire prepared to participate in active and fun indoor/outdoor sessions.

Senior One students (Grade 11): Thursday, September 5, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Returning boarders: Move-in to their boarding room, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- All Senior One students: Orientation, 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Day students are expected to find their own way to campus at 11:30 a.m. There will be a bus leaving campus for all day students at 4:00 p.m.

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Senior Two (Grade 12) Boarder Move-in

Senior Two (Grade 12) students will move in on **Saturday, September 7, 2023**. Please note key dates and times below:

- Move-in to their boarding room - 9:00 a.m.
- All Senior Two students remain in boarding for the full duration of the weekend.

New Parent Orientation – Wednesday, September 6, 2023 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On **Wednesday, September 4, 2024**, all new parents are invited to attend the New Parent Orientation Evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come meet the Appleby school administration, faculty, and your child's advisor. New long distant and local boarding parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's advisor during the New Boarding Parent orientation on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024** (please see the Boarding Student & Host Families section for more details). Parents will have the opportunity to mingle with their new parent buddies and other Appleby parents. Additional details including the RSVP form will be provided in the **Monday, August 5, 2024** issue of *Appleby This Week*. Please note that this event is for parents and does not include students.

Summer Reading

The English Department has a summer reading program which is mandatory. You can find which text your child is required to read by clicking this link [English Summer Reading](#). If you have any questions, please contact Janet Kurusanather (jkurusanather@appleby.on.ca) Department Head, English.

I look forward to an exciting year and working with your child to support them in all endeavours as they strive to achieve their personal goals.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Moores', written in a cursive style.

Michael Moores
Director, Senior School