

Dear Students;

Welcome to Burgoyne House! Burgoyne House is the student residence for Lower School boarding students in grades 5 through 8. House Parents Karen Thacker and John Sweeney, supported by a Residence Don and Lower School Faculty members, care for students from Canada, Korea, Mexico, Japan, China and many other international countries! Boarding at this young age offers a wonderful opportunity for students to learn to live cooperatively and gain self-confidence as they learn life skills that will help them become independent and responsible young people.

Burgoyne House offers a balanced day to each boarder. Students attend classes during the day and are supported in the evenings by their teachers, who work with them on homework and in the dorms as well. On the weekends, students relax and have fun together! On Saturdays, boarding students can choose to sleep in or go and play a sport, explore the local shopping mall or cheer on a school team on the fields, in the gyms, or at the hockey rink. Saturday night is a time for going to the gym to play games before movie time, board games or other evening activities with the supervising teacher. On Sundays, the House goes on field trips! We kick off the year with a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada's Wonderland, a theme park north of Toronto. Over the year we also go to places like the Pumpkin Farm, go-carting, bowling, the Maple Sugar bush, a Theatre trip to Toronto, skating and much more.

All of these activities help us to get to know each other better as both friends and housemates. Each one of you will contribute to the development of Burgoyne House as a true home away from home.

I look forward to welcoming all new and returning students to Burgoyne House for the 2011/2012 school year.

Sincerely,

Karen Thacker
Burgoyne House – House Parent