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On behalf of the Administrative Team and the entire Howard High School staff, I would like to welcome your family to “Lion Country,” Howard High School. Howard High School is a learning community where students, administrators, teachers, and parents learn and work together to enhance student achievement, personal growth, and development. Making the leap from middle school to high school can be a great academic and social challenge. The staff at HHS is committed to providing the support necessary for every child to be successful.

To ease your child’s transition from middle school to high school we have put together a unique orientation experience. The entire 9<sup>th</sup> grade team will be taking an overnight trip to Summit Lake in Emittsburg, Maryland. We expect this overnight orientation to be a major step in providing your son/daughter an opportunity to build his/her own personal potential as well as a way to build unity and school spirit. The planned activities and strategies are designed to assist students in recognizing the benefits of cultural diversity, promote self-worth, and set the groundwork for academic achievement. We strongly recommend that every freshmen attend. If for some reason your rising 9<sup>th</sup> grader cannot attend, we wish to be notified in order to make sure that we have accurate data and have not overlooked any student.

Attached to this letter please find a packet containing several forms that must be completed and returned to Howard High by June 2, 2009. **Every participating student must complete the emergency information and permission forms.** The medication form need only be completed if your child is on any medication (over-the-counter or prescription). You may mail your completed forms to the attention of Mark Covington at the school address. Payment must be in the form of a check or money order made payable to Howard High School. Please write your **child’s full name** on the check/money order and return it with the completed permission forms. The forms may also be found on our website, [www.howardhighschool.net](http://www.howardhighschool.net).

Last year’s overnight was an overwhelming success easing the transition from middle school to high school of every student who attended. Again, I welcome your family to Howard High School and look forward to seeing all of the rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Covington  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade AP  
Howard High

Gina Massella  
Principal  
Howard High

**PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS TO HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL, ATTN: MARK COVINGTON, BY June 2, 2010**

**GO LIONS!!!!!!**