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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2012:

We hope this letter finds you looking forward to the upcoming summer and excited about all the possibilities the next school year will bring. In that spirit, we are writing to inform you about one of the opportunities offered to Poly's junior class: the Form V Washington D.C. Trip.

At Poly, we are committed to promoting academics and citizenship both within the classroom and beyond. Consequently, when last year's juniors sought a trip to enhance learning and add a dynamic bonding experience to the beginning of their busy year, Poly enthusiastically adopted the trip as a staple of its Form V curriculum and a way to model true learning as something that occurs both in finite classrooms and the greater world. The trip also allows us to do this in an unrivaled setting that compels us to reflect on the history of our country, a subject students will grow very familiar with throughout the year. Presently, the trip has grown to include a coordinating committee, fund-raisers, a tour of the Capitol, and visits to D.C.'s enumerable museums and monuments.

Scheduled for November 10th-12th, the trip is an ambitious undertaking and enthralling experience that includes staying in a hotel, a large accompaniment of Poly faculty who will help ensure a safe and enjoyable visit, buses, tour guides, reservations, agendas, and the like. Students will have a chance to marvel at an original copy of the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives, walk their way through centuries of historiography at the Newseum, and have the opportunity to inform themselves about what it means to be a citizen. Concomitantly, there is a considerable cost per student, but Poly's commitment to full-participation makes it possible for everyone to attend; through Poly's deep sense of community, all families supported by financial aid will be supported in the case of this trip, as well.

Through and through, this trip is a phenomenal opportunity not only for student learning and development, but for achievement both in terms of personal and interpersonal growth. Over the course of the summer and the start of the next academic year, there will be further communication about the trip, including a detailed itinerary and lodging information. In the mean time, we hope you are as excited as we are about this opportunity for our students.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

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*Dates are subject to change per hotel availability.