Dear Brandeis Parents and Families,

As your family enjoys the summer, we want to take a moment to welcome you to Brandeis! We hope you are as excited as we are for the start of the school year. Our staff and student orientation leaders are hard at work planning Orientation 2016 to officially welcome the Class of 2020. While much of our orientation programming is focused on acclimating new students, there will also be opportunities for you to meet staff and fellow new families at the welcome fair, information sessions, convocation and family reception. Information about programming for international families is available online - click here.

We recognize that this is both an exhilarating time and a significant transition for students and families alike. Brandeis students have the freedom to explore their very diverse areas of academic interest as well as to engage in research, athletics, extracurricular activities, career planning, and community service.

Over the coming months and years, staff, faculty and fellow students from all parts of campus will support your student’s ongoing academic and personal development. During the first several weeks of the semester, there will be special programming across the university that will engage new students and highlight the many ways to get involved at Brandeis. While Brandeis has numerous resources to serve incoming students’ individual and collective needs, we also value you as an integral part of the Brandeis experience.

Families play an important role in a student’s college success, a role that no one else can fill. You are a source of constant encouragement throughout the college experience. We are including a link to a special resource page to help you and your student stay connected throughout this transition.

We also invite you to join over 1000 members in the staff-moderated Brandeis Parents and Families Facebook group to ask questions of veteran Brandeis parents and share points of Brandeis pride.

We look forward to seeing you in August and hope that you will also consider joining us on campus for Fall Fest, our annual family weekend program, October 27-31, 2016. There are some terrific activities planned to help you get to know Brandeis and enjoy a beautiful time in New England.

Brandeis is a unique and special place, and we are delighted to welcome you and your student to our community!

Sincerely,

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