MASON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

TO: Parents of Eighth Grade Students

FROM: Katrina Bryan, Head of Intermediate and Middle School

DATE: September 28, 2026

RE: **High School Writing Sample Practice**

Several local high schools require a writing sample as part of the application process. Because the schools consider writing samples a strong factor in scoring students with similar academic abilities, we will once again offer a practice session for the writing sample. The practice session will be conducted under the same conditions as the actual sample and proctored by Mrs. Bryan. Ms. Michelle Diminich, former Mason Prep 5th/6th GVC and reading teacher, will critique the students' work and provide feedback to them. The optional practice session will take place **on Wednesday, October 28, from 3:15 until approximately 4:30**. All eighth-grade students may participate in this session as it affords them a great opportunity to receive helpful feedback for any future writing assignments either here at Mason Prep, as part of a specific school's admissions process, and/or in their later academic years.

Please return the attached form by Friday, October 16, to indicate whether your child will be participating in the practice session on October 28.

Please return this form to Mrs. Bryan by Friday, October 16.

Student's Name (please print) _____ Homeroom _____

Please check the appropriate blanks.

_____ I would like for my child to participate in the practice session for the writing sample on Wednesday, October 28.

_____My child will not participate in the practice session on Wednesday, October 28.

My child **is applying** for admission to the following schools:

_____ Academic Magnet High School
_____ Ashley Hall
_____ Bishop England High School
_____ Charleston Charter for Math & Science
_____ Charleston Collegiate School
_____ Charleston County School of the Arts
_____ First Baptist
_____ James Island Charter High School
_____ James Island Christian
_____ Lucy Beckham High School
_____ Oceanside Collegiate Academy
_____ Palmetto Christian Academy
_____ Phillip Simmons High School
_____ Pinewood Prep
_____ Porter-Gaud
_____ Wando High School
_____ Other: _____

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Parent's signature Date