



THE CRAIG SCHOOL

NOTES *from the* CHAIRMAN

WINTER 2015

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We are counting on your contribution for the **Annual Fund**. The fund helps to support the mission of the Craig School, to provide professional development, ensure state of the art technology, educational strategies and helps to fund academic and athletic programs.

We need 100% participation and hope that you will consider a pledge. Every gift to the school is an investment in a child's future.

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DEAR CRAIG FAMILY:

IT IS ALWAYS EVENTFUL SETTLING BACK INTO THE ACADEMIC RHYTHMS, though nothing like acquiring a campus to add to the excitement! It is hard to believe that the Holidays are almost here, when it seems like we just got started. I do hope that everyone is ready to enjoy the time with friends and family that come with this time of year.

I am very excited about what is going on at Craig, as there is so much activity regarding our future. Craig High School continues to progress the wonderful relationship with Boonton High School, as we further leverage the access that our partnership creates and invest in programmatic improvements. Overlap in areas such as our participation in the BHS Friday Night Lights tailgate and the BHS/CHS Anime Club Comic Con trip (my son Ryan's personal favorite!) create social opportunities; overlap in music and the arts create areas for academic expansion; and continued growth in areas such as the Ladies Leadership League and Student Workshops broaden the experience around the academic. And, as the parent of an 11th grader, the expanding collaboration regarding preparation for and access to colleges is of particular personal interest.

With the purchase of the Mountain Lakes Campus, we are also presented with tremendous opportunities. Creating a dedicated lab and leveraging technology for our Science program, a more efficient and updated Orton space for our wonderful students and faculty, expanding our arts and improving the athletic facilities—these are just some of the areas in the planning stages for social and programmatic improvements for the Lower and Middle School. We have always invested in expanding programs and technology, though there were always constraints given we did not own the property. Now we have the opportunity to make the facility our own, and invest for future.

All of this is ultimately in support of the trust that the students, parents and faculty have placed in Craig. That is why the active engagement of those groups in the initial planning stages has been so valuable, and will continue to be. As we head into Thanksgiving, it is that trust and involvement that we, as a Board, are grateful for.

As always, please let me know if there are any comments or questions. Thanks, and **Happy Holidays** to all.

CHRIS COATES
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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