MUHS Parent Response Form

Student's name: ____________________________________________________________

Parent's name(s): _________________________________________________________

We are seeking your honest thoughts and feelings about your child. Please help us by responding to the questions below. If you do not find these particular questions helpful, then write a letter. Be funny, be serious, be proud. Your willingness to complete this form or write us a separate letter is very helpful in counseling your son and writing his letter of recommendation. This form will also be updated on the MUHS website under College Counseling by June 1. We will assume you have shared your responses with your son unless you tell us otherwise. Please return your response by mail, email or fax to the attention of your son's junior year advisor by the first day of classes.

1. What do you consider to be your son's most outstanding accomplishments in the past 3 to 4 years? Why?

2. In what areas has your son shown the most development and growth since entering 9th grade? Where has he been most challenged?
3. What are his most outstanding personality traits? Describe a situation in which these qualities were present.

4. If you had to describe your son with five adjectives, what would they be? Please give an example to illustrate each one.

5. Based on your observations over the past 3-4 years, which classes has your son enjoyed most? Where are his academic strengths? What do you think this says about his approach to learning?
6. Describe an activity (extracurricular, athletic, community, school-related and other) to which he has devoted extensive time and effort. What do you think he gained from this experience?

7. Describe a particular challenge which he handled effectively.

8. If there are any particular colleges you would like your son to consider, please feel free to list them below with a brief explanation why you see that college as a good fit. If you are considering options other than college (gap year, military, employment, etc.), please share that vision.

9. Does your son have a future plan, vision or dream that he's shared? Has it changed?
10. Are there any family-related factors that will influence your child's college decision such as finances, location, etc.?

11. Is there anything you wish to add which would help us in writing his letter of recommendation e.g. additional anecdotes or stories that help to paint a picture of your son, his educational background, special family situation, special medical history, personal achievements, etc.?

12. Does your son have a learning, mental or physical disability or unusual circumstances that has impacted his performance or accomplishments or warranted special accommodations? If so, please explain. Do we have your permission to discuss it in the recommendation letter as a way of providing context for the child's academic performance? If you answer affirmatively, please contact Mrs. Cleary to discuss how your son should disclose this to the admissions office and what steps you can take to find support and/or accommodations in future years.