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**Pittsburgh Public Schools to Hold Special Transition Activities to  
Welcome New Students of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Nation, Class of 2013**

***All Other High School Students to have Four-Hour Delayed Start on  
First Day of School September 3, 2009***

PITTSBURGH, August 21, 2009 – Beginning September 2, 2009 Pittsburgh Public Schools will provide a special welcome to more than 2,100 new ninth grade students with special activities as part of the *9th Grade Nation* Transition Program. The transition program is designed to ensure a seamless transition for students into high school as they leave 8th grade. These activities include:

- September 2, 6-8pm – *9th Grade Nation* Promise Night and Family Orientation
- September 3 – First Day of School Transition Day
- September 4-18<sup>th</sup> – Camp Guyasuta All Day Field Trip by School Assignment

The *9th Grade Nation* Promise Night and Family Orientation event is for both students and families to learn about The Pittsburgh Promise®, high school life and the importance of graduating with a plan for the future.

On the first day of school, September 3, 2009, all other high school students, **with the exception of those who attend special schools or regional special education programs**, will have a four-hour delayed start as District high schools and 6-12 schools devote the morning to the new 9<sup>th</sup> graders as part of the *9th Grade Nation* First Day of School Transition Day program. The staggered start times for the first day of school ensure that new 9<sup>th</sup> grade students receive a special welcome and the full attention of the high school staff. Students in grades six, seven and eight who attend a District 6-12 school will have a regular start time.

Each school’s Camp Guyasuta All Day Field Trip will take place at the 175-acre facility owned and operated by the Greater Pittsburgh Council of Boy Scouts of America. The day will consist of team building activities, Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E.) ropes course, climbing wall and much more. The chart below lists each school’s date.

School	Camp Guyasuta Date	School	Camp Guyasuta Date
Pittsburgh Allderdice	Sept. 10 or Sept. 11	Pittsburgh Milliones 6-12	September 4
Pittsburgh Brashear	Sept. 16 or Sept. 17	Pittsburgh Oliver	September 18
Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12	September 11	Pittsburgh Peabody	September 9
Pittsburgh Carrick	September 8	Pittsburgh Perry	September 14
International Baccalaureate 6-12	September 17	Pittsburgh Science & Technology Academy 6-12	September 4
Pittsburgh Langley	September 18	Pittsburgh Westinghouse	September 9

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