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Dear Parent(s),

The balloons have flown free, the applause has died down and the bustle of the end of the school year is now just a memory, but what a fine one it is! Just before our thoughts turn completely to the next one coming up in September, I, like many others, will take some time in the summer respite to savour again the special moments that unfolded in another magical Shawnigan experience. Call it indulgence, reminiscence or nostalgia - as long as it's not taken as an indication of our being self-satisfied or complacent. I would call it "checking and re-checking" to ensure that the whole machine is working optimally.

The reports which have just gone out attest to some very fine efforts from a very large number of first-class individuals and even this wizened, old educator could not refrain from a touch of pride and admiration, as I hope you will agree. They speak to a school where hard work is expected, success is pursued, support is constant and respect permeates everything. I look forward to seeing us re-create it all again in September.

If I return to my machine analogy, it is beginning to feel close to that maintenance task where the batteries need to be re-charged. I trust that the summer months will bring such an opportunity for you. For my part, I can't wait to attack one of the thirty five books that seem to have accumulated on the bedside table, not to mention the annual reminder of why I never quite got around to challenging Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson et al! My thanks for your continued support and my warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,