Parent Role in the College Admission Process

St. George's School
Fifth Form Parents Weekend

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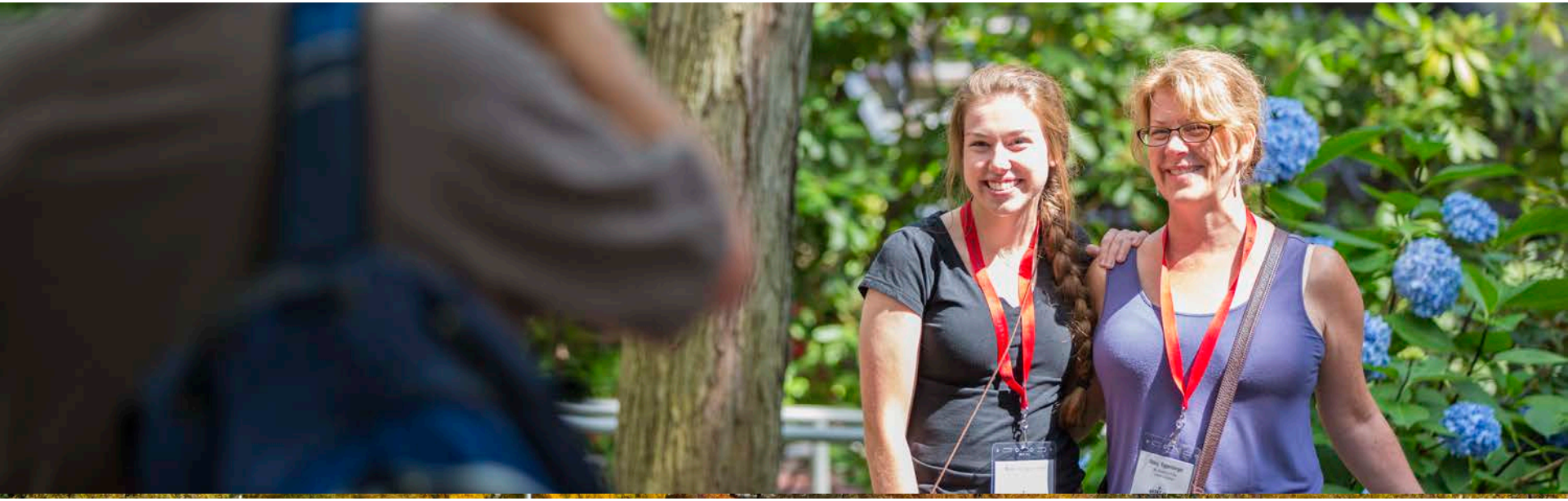
#10: REMEMBER WHO IS GOING TO COLLEGE

- Family process, but…
- Avoid using “we” “our” or “mine”

#9: BE THE TOUR MANAGER, NOT THE STAR

- ☐ Help map out college visits
- ☐ Handle the logistics
- ☐ Recommend stops
- ☐ Allow your student to drive the visit



#8: HELP DEMONSTRATE AUTHENTIC INTEREST

- ☐ Think of it as a developing relationship
- ☐ Importance of checking in
- ☐ Ask questions
- ☐ Showing interest

#7: THERE IS MORE TO LIFE…

- ☐ Don't let the process dominate your lives
- ☐ Teens are not always known as good communicators
- ☐ Choose one time or day

#6: CONSIDER CURBS & CLIFFS

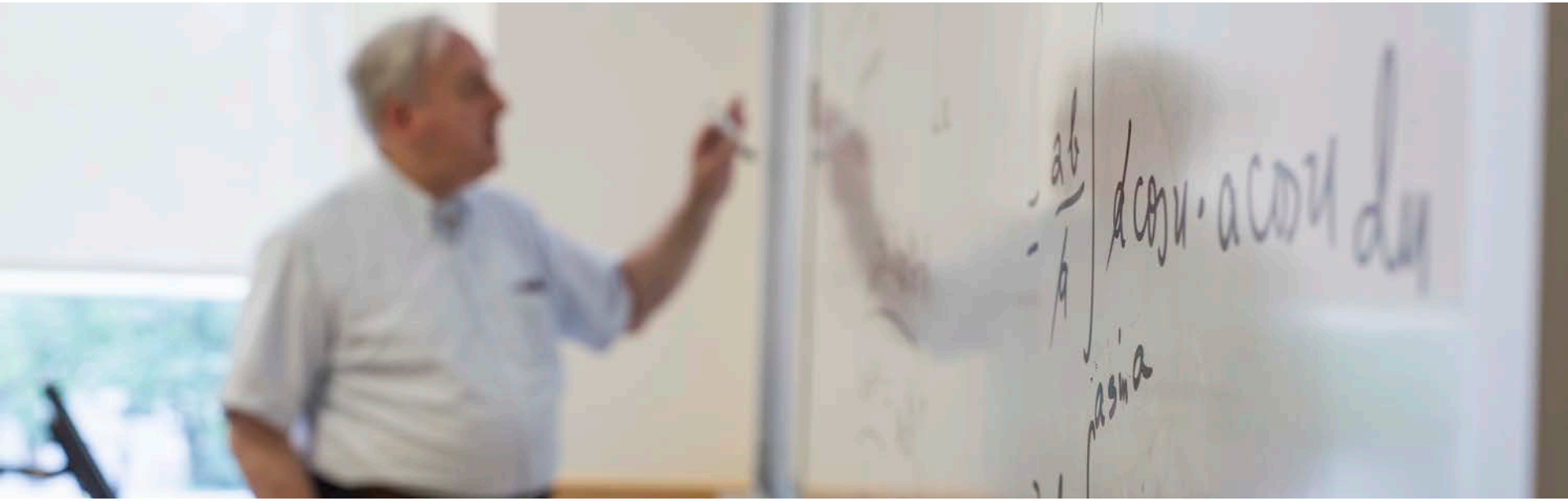
- ☐ Curb: running late for campus tour
- ☐ Curb: late requests for recommendations
- ☐ Cliff: missing the application deadline
- ☐ Cliff: missing an interview

#5: PROMOTE BALANCE

- ☐ Class schedule
- ☐ Extracurricular activities
- ☐ Most importantly: find time to enjoy it all!

#4: HELP MANAGE THE “HYPE”

- ☐ Media
- ☐ Run interference with family/friends
- ☐ Avoid comparisons to others



#3: BE UPFRONT ABOUT LIMITATIONS

- ☐ Financial
- ☐ Geographic
- ☐ Be proactive

#2: FOSTER RESILIENCY

- ☐ Be aware of the potential for denial
- ☐ Focus on the positives
- ☐ Remind your student of the importance of context

#1: THIS IS NOT YOUR GRADE

- ☐ Be supportive, no matter what
- ☐ Remember the ultimate goal