



Hello to all of you,

What a great first week! It's been wonderful to have everyone in the building, to see the students engaging at school, and to welcome our new community members.

Some updates...

### **Seek trips:**

The 8th-grade overnight trips (called Seek trips) were introduced to the students today and students made their *preference* selections. I have attached the slideshow to this email. Please let me know if you have any questions about the trip locations. I will be providing more specific trip logistics and required paperwork at a later date. The dates of the trip are 9/25-27. Also, please note...

- There is bike riding on both the DC and the Cape Cod trips. Students need to be able to ride a bicycle.
- Students who are US citizens need EITHER a passport, passport card, or birth certificate to travel to Montreal. Students who are not US citizens need to have a passport. All parents of students going on *this* trip need to get a document notarized.
- Depending on the trip, students who take the D-E bus *may* need to get a ride to school on the day of their trip and/or a ride home on the return of their trip.

### **New Parent Orientation**

For new to D-E parents in the 8th grade, this event is for you! It is Monday, 9/9 at 6:30 PM starting in Schenck Auditorium.

### **Community Agreements**

Please be on the lookout for the **Honor Code of Conduct** form today and see the email from Mr. Davis. Please review this document with your child before signing. Please take advantage of the opportunity to discuss the shared home/school values we all work to put into action in our lives with this document. Students are expected to indicate their understanding of and commitment to these expectations by signing the page with you and returning them to their advisors by Tuesday. Look for an email from Mr. Davis to you with more information (and backup copies of the forms attached should the hard copies handed out in advisory go astray.)

Early next week, they will receive the **Middle School Acceptable Use Policy** (which is about technology use). We will begin using Yondr pouches for phones and smartwatches on Monday. Please reach out to Ms. Cebulski during the day if you need to speak with your child. She can be reached at 201-227-3230 or [cebuld@d-e.org](mailto:cebuld@d-e.org).

**Sports** begin on Monday 9/9! Please contact Coach Vettoso at [vettor@d-e.org](mailto:vettor@d-e.org) with questions.  
**Activities** begin on Tuesday during Activity Period for students not playing a fall sport.

**Picture Day:** Picture Day is September 16th. All students are photographed for the yearbook and ID cards. If you would like copies of your child's ID photo "headshot", send in a check along with this Picture Day Form linked below with your child on MS Picture Day.

<https://startofschool.d-e.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/MS-Picture-Day-2023-2024-Form.pdf>

**8th Grade Parent Forum:** This is on Wednesday, October 9 at 8:30 AM in Hulst House. Please save the date!

**Key September/October Dates**

**September 9 - 6:30 PM:** New Parent Orientation (you should have an invitation - this is for NEW families only)

**September 16:** MS Picture Day

**September 19 - 6:30 PM:** Back To School Night

**September 25-27:** 8th-grade overnight trips

**October 3 -October 4:** Rosh Hashanah (No School)

**October 9 - 8:30 AM :** 8th Grade Parent Forum in Hulst House

**October 14th:** Indigenous Peoples Day (No School)

As always, please reach out with any questions. It's been a great week and I so enjoy working with your children!

Best,

Ali Miller