



MS 8th Grade Dean Update

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 yesterday 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 10/8-10/10.

Also, please note...

- There is bike riding on both the Burlington and the Cape Cod trips. Students need to be able to ride a bicycle.
- 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 Wednesday 9/10 at 6:30 pm starting in Hajjar Auditorium (2nd Floor, Campus Center)

Community Agreements

Please be on the lookout for the **Honor Code of Conduct** form today and see the email from Mr. Davis that was sent yesterday (with backup copies of the forms attached should the hard copies handed out in advisory go astray.) 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 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.

Students also received the **iPad Use Agreement** (which is about technology use). This document also needs to be signed.

We have begun using Yondr pouches for phones and smartwatches already. 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.

Sports begin on Monday 9/8! Please contact Coach Vettoso at 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 10/3. All students are photographed for the yearbook and ID cards. Photos are being handled this year by Highpoint. More details, including online photo ordering instructions, are coming soon.

Key September/October Dates

9/10: MS New Family and 6th Grade Parent Orientation 6:30 pm

9/18: Back to School Night 6:30 pm

9/23-24: Rosh Hashanah, **no school**

10/2: Yom Kippur, **no school**

10/3: Picture Day

10/8-10/10: 8th grade overnight trips (called Seek trips)

10/13: Indigenous Peoples' Day, **no school**

10/20: Diwali, **no school**

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