



## MS 6th Grade Dean Update

Dear Parents and Guardians of Soon-to-Be-Sixth-Graders,

Welcome to Middle School! It was a pleasure to see so many of you last night at the Spring Parent Orientation. If you were able to attend and have a moment to give some feedback, please do so [HERE](#) and help us to continually improve the evening. If you missed us, please see the handout attached below and feel free to reach out to me at [urbant@d-e.org](mailto:urbant@d-e.org) or call 201-227-3237 with any questions -- or just drop into the virtual Q&A tomorrow morning. I look forward to working with you and your children and to an exciting sixth grade year ahead!.

### Dates of Interest

- **May 20, 8:30-9:00 -- Virtual Q&A.** Please join me at <https://meet.google.com/syr-dmom-roq>
- **May 21 -- [Course Selection Google Form for Current DE Families Released to Parents of Current 5th Graders.](#)** (Parents of students new to DE will receive an email from our registrar to make your music selections.)
- **May 27 -- Course Selections Due! If you are a current 5th grade DE parent,** please be sure you have indicated your child's course selections on the Google Form by this date! Parents new to the school should return their course selection forms to the registrar at their earliest convenience.
- **Week of June 15th -- Course Confirmation and Placement "Letter"** sent home. Look for an email from Mr. Davis with this and other information. Chairs and deans will be on campus until June 18th in case of any questions. You will want to hang onto the "letter" to assist you with planning any summer work and ordering books for your child's fall courses.

### Around the Dinner Table...

- **Device House Rules** -- Sixth graders may be tech savvy, but they need your guidance around safe, kind, controlled internet and device use. Now is a good time to create healthy habits, manage expectations for parental oversight, and set boundaries that you and your child will maintain together at home. Please see the list of "iPad

Preorientation Questions to Consider” below. You may also find the [FTC "Talking to Kids About Being On Line"](#) brochure attached here helpful.

- **Language and Music Selections** -- The online course catalog (under the academics tab) describes most language courses available. We have added Mandarin to the sixth grade options this year. Music course descriptions are in the handout attached below. It's nice to have so many choices! What does your child want to do?

### Reminders

- **Changing Your Child's Language Selection** -- If you are new to DE and would like to change your language selection (we have added Mandarin), please email me or the Language Departmental Chair, Mr. Hegedus at [hegedm@d-e.org](mailto:hegedm@d-e.org).
- **Summer Work for Students** -- Students rising into 6th grade have required summer reading and math work. The assigned book is indicated in the orientation handout packet. Math assignments will be communicated later by the math department.

My best regards to all and wishes for a happy conclusion to your academic year in lower school!

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