

August 2022

Dear Grade 11 Students and Families:

Greetings from Dwight-Englewood!

I hope that you and your family are enjoying time together this summer and have been able to both rest and enjoy some adventure. While the students are away, we are moving steadily through preparations for the coming year. Although it is still several weeks in the distance, I'm delighted and excited to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year.

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR

In the 11th grade, your child moves out of the core courses of the first two years and enters the elective program in full force. We spent a significant amount of time last spring discussing the many options in each department and planning courses, and I hope that your student is looking forward to taking them this year. Judging by the experience of last year's graduating class, I believe that these two years will be hugely engaging and rewarding. Our alumni speak strongly, and in unison, that the opportunity to take courses of real interest to them and to work with the faculty whose passion and expertise was so apparent was vital to their experience.

Juniors will also engage the college process in earnest this year, and we stand ready to guide you along that path beginning early in the fall. We will, of course, have much more to say about this process once school begins, but for now be assured that following the steps as they are designed is your smoothest and most successful route to the best match for you. The College Counselors will be visiting advisories regularly this year to continue to get to know the students and to provide necessary information. The formal start of the process will come at the start of the second semester.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Moving to more specific information, I also want to provide some important dates for the opening months of school this year. You will soon receive, at home, an Upper School Start of School 2022 small information packet with some specific calendar and contact information (in hard copy) that you can place in an easily retrieved spot for when you need it.

For now, here are some important calendar dates:

Monday, Aug. 22- D-E Athletics Fall team sports begin*

Monday, Sept. 05 - Labor Day (school closed)

Tuesday, Sept. 06 - School opens at 8:10, full day**

Monday, Sept. 26 & Tuesday, Sept. 27 - Rosh Hashanah (school closed)

Thursday, Sept. 29 - Back to School Night

Wednesday, Oct. 05 - Yom Kippur (school closed)

Thursday, Oct. 06 to Friday, Oct. 7 - 9th grade retreat

*See below; Fall 2022 “Start of Season” team sports practice information is available on both the Upper School Start of School 2022 website and the D-E Athletics website (www.d-e.org/athletics).

**Bus transportation begins on Tuesday, September 6.

HEALTH & MEDICAL FORMS REMINDER

All students should have returned their updated medical and health forms, including any that require a signature from both parents/guardians and/or your child's physician, to D-E Upper School Nurse, Christine Kim, by way of the Magnus Health Portal ("Magnus").

- Magnus issues periodic email updates to remind families that they need to complete their child's medical/health forms, and Magnus can be accessed from these emails. Parents/guardians can also access Magnus from the MyD-E Parent Resource Board; click here. Please note that LogIn to MyD-E is required to access Magnus. For MyD-E LogIn help and/or help with accessing Magnus, please email help@d-e.org.
- Students will not be allowed to attend classes without the proper Forms being completed.
- All students must complete the State of New Jersey Pre-participation Medical Form. Even if you live in New York State, the New Jersey form must be submitted.
- Forms uploaded to Magnus that require a physician's signature must also be signed personally by your child's doctor: stamped signatures cannot be accepted, according to New Jersey state law that we are obliged to follow.
- Other important pieces of information that must be updated to Magnus include permission for your child to participate in athletics, take school trips, medical/health insurance forms, etc. Your child will not be allowed to participate in athletics or take trips if we do not receive this information.
- Under our current COVID protocols, and as outlined in Interim Head of School Pat Boig's recent Update message (click here), please also be sure that all vaccination information for your child and each parent/guardian has also been uploaded to Magnus.

STUDENT SCHEDULES & BOOKS ORDERING

Student schedules will be available to students in the opening weeks of August. We will alert you when they are ready to view so that you have plenty of time to order books. Our virtual bookstore, MBS Direct, will be open and ready in the near future. Go to www.d-e.org/shop and click on the link to mbsdirect.net. You will receive further information about ordering books from MBS Direct from Joan Millien shortly.

Some books are also available from other online stores. Feel free to comparison shop but please buy the correct ISBN, if you decide to use an alternate source.

If some part of your student's schedule is incorrect, those changes can be made beginning Monday, August 22, when Mr. Meserole and the other Deans return to campus. If there are major issues with a schedule, we will contact you ahead of that date.

SUMMER READING

I also want to remind all students about the course-related Summer Reading requirements. This information is posted on our [US Start of School 2022 Website](#).

FALL TEAM SPORTS & START OF SEASON SCHEDULE

If your child is planning to return for US sports, please note the dates mentioned above, because their 'first day' of school is coming soon.

- D-E Athletics has provided the Fall 2022 Start of Season Schedule online both on [US Start of School 2022 website](#) and the [D-E Athletics website \(d-e.org/athletics\)](http://d-e.org/athletics)
- All health/medical forms must be uploaded to Magnus before student athletes attend any practices.
- Students may not bring hard copies of signed/completed medical or health forms to practices. These will not be accepted and students will not be able to join practices until their forms are complete and uploaded to Magnus.

That is about it for now, in terms of information we need to send. Our next communication will be about the availability of schedules. In the meantime, please be in touch with any questions or concerns.

I wish you the happiest times for the remainder of the summer, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in just a few weeks. I hope you find quality time to spend as a family before we turn to the challenges and excitement of the new school year.

Best wishes for an invigorating and happy 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,

Kim Lalli
Interim Upper School Principal