

August 2023

Dear Grade 10-12 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 2023-2024 school year.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Moving to more specific information, I also want to provide some important calendar dates for the opening months of school this year.

Monday, Aug. 21- D-E Athletics Fall team sports begin*
Monday, Sept. 04 - Labor Day (school closed)
Tuesday, Sept. 05 - School opens at 8:10, full day**
Thursday, Sept. 21 to Friday, Sept. 22 - 9th grade retreat
Monday, Sept. 25 - Yom Kippur (school closed)
Thursday, Sept. 28 - Back to School Night

*See below; Fall 2023 "Start of Season" team sports practice information is available on both the [Upper School Start of School 2023 website](#) and the D-E Athletics website (www.d-e.org/athletics).

**Bus transportation begins on Tuesday, September 5.

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.

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 21, when the 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 2023 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 2023 Start of Season Schedule online both on [US Start of School 2023 website](#) and the [D-E Athletics website \(www.d-e.org/athletics\)](http://www.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. We can be reached at (201) 227-3240.

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 2023-2024 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Lalli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "L".

Kim Lalli
Upper School Principal