



August 24, 2018

Dear Families of Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5,

As many of you are aware the work on the Middle School building project is underway. It is an exciting time for the school! Travel along Palisade Avenue will provide a slight glimpse into the construction activity happening on the upper section of campus, following the demolition of the Pope building this summer. In the area of campus closest to Drapkin Hall, bridge maintenance will continue into early September.

In order to support safe construction staging for the work on the Middle School building and for the continued Drapkin Hall bridge maintenance, there will be some changes to our traffic and parking patterns. Families will receive more information about the details of those changes from Jordan Massei, Facilities Manager. I thank you in advance for your patience during these opening weeks.

In order to alleviate some of the congestion that builds near the Drapkin Hall during afternoon dismissal time, the Lower School faculty will be offering a special extended day activity program for students in grades 3, 4 and 5. This program will be offered at no additional cost to families and will run from **3:15-4:15 p.m.** beginning on **Tuesday, September 4th and ending on Friday, September 14th**. Families are able to sign up for one or more days of this extended day programming.

Parents and caregivers who elect to have children participate in this extended day program are encouraged to arrive on campus between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. for pick up. Students will be brought outside at 4:15 p.m., thus alleviating the need for parents to find additional parking on campus. Please note that while there is no additional charge for this extended day option, students that are not picked up by 4:30 p.m. will be enrolled in the D-E 360 Aftercare program, where the drop-in fee will apply.

At the end of this two-week period, the D-E 360 Aftercare enrichment classes will begin. I encourage families to review all of the wonderful options available through that program that will also provide students with time to socialize and extend their day in a meaningful way.

If you would like your child to participate in this special extended day program, please RSVP to Susan Abramson via email at abrams@d-e.org. It is important to let us know your plans by Friday, August 31, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Abramson at 201-227-3222.

Regards,

Kimberly Lewis

Lower School Principal