US Class Dean Update

September 5, 2024

Welcome Back!

The summer flew by, but we were so glad to welcome students back to campus this week. It's only the second day of academic classes, but it seems as though the Class of 2027 is settling in nicely. We had positive feedback from our day-long orientation and the kick-start to our community building. Eager to start the year off in a place of understanding, we have made sure to set clear Norms & Boundaries for how we will be together. Our Interim Head of School, Upper School Principal, deans, advisors, teachers, and student leaders are all on the same page: this year, we are being deliberate about cultivating a community of kindness, understanding, respect, and safety. It's going to be a great year of learning and growing together!

<u>Information and Reminders</u>

- Please remember to review the **upper school handbook** as a family. We have already highlighted some of the changes/updates with students (cell phone policy, cyber-bullying, campus cleanliness, disparaging language) and want to make sure we are all starting off the year on the same page.
- Schedule refinements are underway daily, so please reach out if there are any questions or concerns. The last day to ADD a course is September 19 and the last day to DROP a class is October 2.

- Class trips for the fall are scheduled for Friday, September 20. This year we will have a day trip during the regular school day instead of an overnight. Stay tuned for more information.
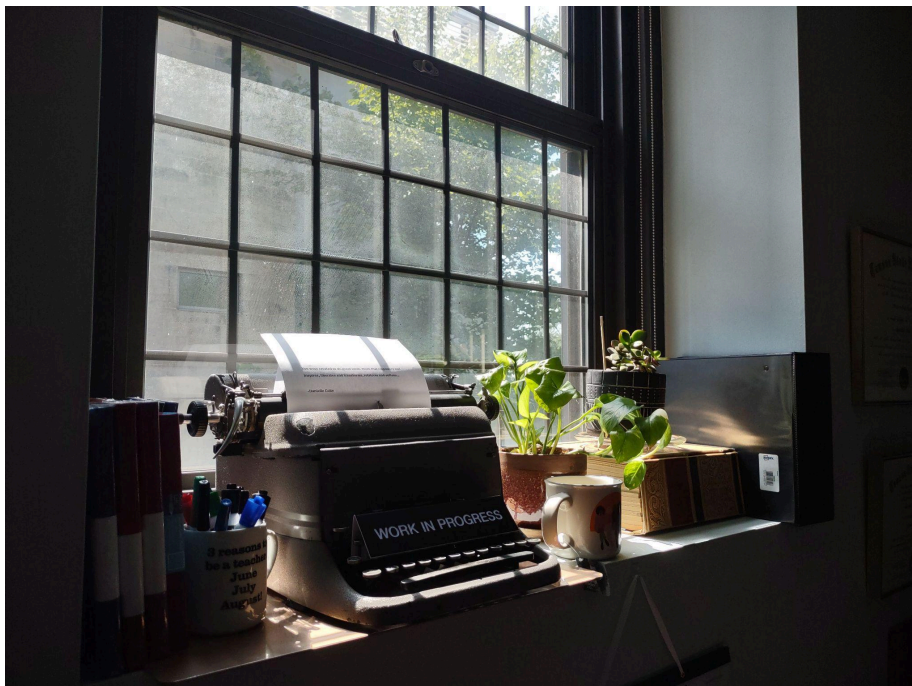
September Calendar
3-Orientation Day
4- Classes Begin
19- ADD period ends
20-Class Trip
26-Back-to-School Night

Last year, in my opening class meeting, I talked to students about how we were all writing the "next chapter" together and sharing the setting of Dwight-Englewood. With the final page turned on our first year together, we can now further develop our shared story. I am glad to be one of the characters in this adventure, and I look forward to all this year will bring.

Have a great day, a wonderful week, and a restful weekend.

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