

April 10, 2025

To the families of the Class of 2028,

It was wonderful to reconnect with so many of you at yesterday's Spring Parent Forum. For those who couldn't attend—or for those who joined us and would like a refresher—I've included a recap of the material below.

**Parent Forum Recap** (Slides [here](#))

- **Artificial Intelligence w/Diana Gross ([grossd@d-e.org](mailto:grossd@d-e.org))**
  - Our Chief Innovation Officer, Diana Gross, gave a brief presentation on how we as a school community are approaching Artificial Intelligence. Rather than shy away from this technology, we are thinking proactively about how to embrace it in ways that enhance student learning. By the end of the month, Diana's department will share guidance on our school's acceptable use policy for AI. Please look out for that information soon.
- **9th Grade Family College Night w/Eileen Cunningham Feikens ([feikee@d-e.org](mailto:feikee@d-e.org))**
  - On behalf of the College Counseling Office, our Dean of College Counseling, Eileen Cunningham Feikens, invites all Class of 2028 families to 9th Grade Family College Night. This event is a great opportunity to meet the college counseling team and learn more about our program and its philosophy. It will take place on **Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Hajjar Auditorium.**
- **Bulldog Bash**
  - Huge thanks to the Class of 2028 families who are playing such an active role in planning for the Bulldog Bash! We were lucky to hear from a few members of the planning committee about the incredible work being done. The event will take place on **Saturday, April 26**, and there's still time to get involved if you're interested!
- **5 Finger Biography**
- As a brief community-building moment, everyone participated in a fun activity to share their "5 Finger Biography":
  - **Thumb:** Something you enjoy
  - **Pointer:** Guiding Principle
  - **Middle:** Pet Peeve
  - **Ring:** Committed to
  - **Pinky:** Fun fact
- While sharing information is important, it's equally important to take time to connect with one another—especially as we prepare to share the next three years together.
- **Academic Integrity**
  - We reviewed the school's process for addressing academic integrity concerns. As we support students in making thoughtful decisions, I hope we can continue working together to help them avoid missteps, and when mistakes do happen, to use them as opportunities for growth.

- We also discussed a scenario that students recently explored in their science classes. As many of you noted, these issues are often more complex than they initially appear, and require thoughtful, nuanced handling to ensure fairness and learning.
- **Scheduling Updates**
  - With grades being released this week, now is a great time to continue conversations about course planning for next year and encourage students to finish the semester strong.
  - The week after course requests are submitted, students will receive a printout of their selections, which parents/guardians will be asked to sign.
  - Department chairs will begin sharing any major placement updates starting in May.
  - Electronic versions of scheduling resources, including the Course of Study and relevant forms, can be found on myDE under the Resources tab.

As I've had the opportunity to work with so many of you already, I want to thank you again for your ongoing support and partnership. In my years in education, I've seen countless success stories—many from students who faced real challenges in high school—and that success is so often rooted in strong collaboration between family and school. The Class of 2028 is already writing its own success story, and I can't wait to see how it continues to unfold. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,  
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Dean, Class of 2028