

June 3, 2025

To the Families of the Class of 2028,

It's hard to believe the school year is already coming to a close! It has been such a pleasure getting to know and work with you all, and I'm looking forward to the time we'll continue to share in the years ahead. I'm also incredibly excited to share that I'll soon have the privilege of calling myself the 10th Grade Dean—and you'll officially be the parents of rising 10th graders!

As we wrap up the year, I wanted to share some important details about the final days of school so you can plan accordingly. Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 4, will be the last “normal” day of classes. On Thursday, June 5, students will be taking a trip to one of two locations, depending on their advisory. That information can be found below:

Students will visit one of two local nature and sustainability sites, based on their advisory group:

- **MEVO Farms (Mahwah, NJ)**
Advisories: Donnelly, Aldo Bautista, Quirk, Vargas, Garcia, Lerum, Tokar, and Pritchard
Program Time: 9:30–11:00 AM
Note: Students attending this trip have been asked to complete a waiver, which can be found [here](#). MEVO Farms has confirmed that completing the Google Form will serve as an electronic signature. For your peace of mind, please know that while students will participate in physical activities, they will not be engaging in any of the more hazardous tasks listed in the waiver.
- **Teaneck Creek Conservancy (Teaneck, NJ)**
Advisories: Andrea Bautista, McNeil, Houser, Cury, and Nefdt
Program Time: 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

After the site visits, both groups will come together at Ross Dock Picnic Area for lunch, provided by the D-E kitchen, and a chance to relax and enjoy some outdoor time as a class. We'll remain at the park until around 1:30 PM, after which students will return to campus for a special treat: an ice cream and donut truck, generously sponsored by the 9th Grade Parents' Association Representatives (huge thank you!).

A full itinerary can be found [here](#).

Friday will be a shortened day to wrap up the school year. Students will attend abbreviated 20-minute class meetings with each of their teachers, followed by a final advisory session and one last Upper School meeting. Afterward, lunch will be provided, and students will have time to relax and celebrate with their peers.

Yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the day, and students will have time to look through them and sign each other's books. Buses will depart campus at 1:40 PM.

A few notes about yearbook distribution:

- Students with outstanding library books or unreturned athletic uniforms will **not** receive their yearbook on Friday **until those items are returned**. These students have already been notified by email.
- If your student will be absent on Friday, they are welcome to arrange for a friend or another trusted peer to pick up their yearbook. Just let me know in advance so we can make a note of it.

It's been a great year, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in supporting such a thoughtful, energetic, and resilient group of students. I'm proud to call myself the Dean of the Class of 2028 and truly look forward to what lies ahead for all of us in 10th grade. Thank you again for your ongoing support and collaboration. I'm excited to finish the year strong and continue this journey together next fall.

Warmly,
Dylan Bryant
Dean, Class of 2028