



US Class Dean Update

September 9, 2025

Welcome to September!

After just a week on campus, we are back in the swing of things! Classes are well underway, and students are making the last minor changes to their courses and settling in for a great first semester.

To start off junior year together, I want to share some announcements, reminders, and calendar items. We have a busy month ahead.

24-25 Honor Roll

Annually, we recognize students who achieve a GPA of 3.7 or higher and no grade lower than a B with the distinction of Honor Roll. Students who have achieved this recognition received their certificates in advisory today. We congratulate them on earning this distinction and appreciate the effort and dedication that all students put into their studies.

Class Trip - Bronx Botanical Gardens

Friday, September 19, grades 10-12 will be attending field trips with their class. This year, we are heading to the Bronx Botanical Garden to enjoy the [Van Gogh's Flowers](#) exhibits. The trip fits into the confines of the academic day, so students who take the bus can arrive and depart as usual. We will leave campus at 8:30am and should return to school by 3pm. If you would like your child to arrive at and/or depart from the museum directly, please fill out this [permission form](#). We will have a group of our advisors at the museum to check them in and out. Box lunches are available, or students can purchase food at [The Pine Tree Grill](#) on site. I will send out an email reminder and recap of the trip details next week.

Back to School Night - Save the Date!

Our Back to School Night will be Thursday, September 25. Our opening will begin at 6:30pm in the Schenck Auditorium, followed by brief visits to each class on your child's schedule and meeting time with their advisor. There is no remote option for this event, so if you are unable to attend, please reach out to your child's advisor and teachers directly to touch base.

REMINDER - Leaving Campus

The policy has not changed from last year, but this is a reminder that students are not permitted to leave campus during the academic day, even if they have free periods. Students are expected to stay on campus for the duration of the academic day, even if their day ends with a free period or on Thursdays when we end the day with Activities Period. It is important for students to utilize the entirety of the academic day to meet with teachers, do group work, or complete homework while still having direct access to school resources. As always, parents can pick up and sign out students for appointments or outside obligations, but students are not permitted to sign themselves out before the end of the school day. I will be sharing this reminder with the class as well to make sure we are all on the same page.

That's all for now. As always, reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great day.

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CALENDAR

September 12 - Opening All-School Assembly

September 18 - Last day to ADD a S1 course

September 19 - Grade Level Trips

September 23-24 - NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah

September 25 - 6:30pm Back to School Night

October 1 - Last day to DROP a S1 or yearlong course

October 2 - NO SCHOOL - Yom Kippur

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25-26 Key Dates Calendar ([here](#))

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