



US Class Dean Update

Dear 12th Grade Families,

Yesterday marked the beginning of the seniors' last Projects and Assessments Week (PAW), and 75 days until Commencement! Please check out our new [Senior Hub](#) for information on senior spring events (password: classof2026).



Since many of you have asked, there is no limit to the number of guests you may bring to **Commencement on May 31st**. We will provide each student with several formal invitations, but these are intended as keepsakes rather than as an “entry ticket” to the event. You should know that parking can be limited, and so it’s good to carpool with your guests when possible.



The atmosphere on campus this week feels pretty relaxed, all things considered. Kids are working hard to wrap up their final obligations before a much anticipated **senior spring break**. For me, sending my kid off on their very first solo trip (to celebrate their 18th birthday with friends out west) feels a bit like a “final exam for parenting,” as I try to trust that we’ve taught them everything they need to know to be safe out in the world on their own! It’s a bittersweet moment for sure!

I know that many seniors are also anticipating the arrival of their final college decisions in the next couple of weeks, and they will hopefully return to campus in April feeling a little more settled about their future plans. Teachers will be hard at work over break and during the first week back preparing **interim grades and comments**, which will be available for you to review on **Friday, April 17th**.

Finally, for those of you who may still be dropping your kids off at school in the mornings, our facilities and security teams have asked us to remind you to please **wait until you reach the dropoff zone in front of the Middle School to let your kids out of the vehicle**. When cars stop early it can create a logjam for those waiting behind, and it makes it harder for us to guarantee the safety of pedestrians who are weaving and bobbing between stopped and passing vehicles throughout the dropoff line. We know that mornings can be hectic, but the process is designed to keep things moving as safely and efficiently as possible for everyone, and so we appreciate your cooperation.

Wishing you all a restful and restorative spring break!

Emily