



US Class Dean Update

Hi 9th Grade Families,

While the chilly temperatures might suggest otherwise, our 9th graders are officially on the cusp of their first Upper School spring break. It was a breath of fresh air to see them outside on Leggett Field enjoying the warm weather last week, certainly a preview of the spring season to come. On the whole, I'm feeling really good about the growth of the 9th graders, and they've notably deepened their contributions to the community, taking more visible roles in assemblies, clubs, the arts, and sports.

As we head into the break, I have a few updates to share:

Morning Drop-Off: For those of you who drop your kids off at school in the mornings, our facilities and security teams have asked us to remind you to **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.

End of 3rd Quarter: The last day of the third quarter is **Thursday, April 9**, and comments and grades will be available to families on **Friday, April 17**.

Scheduling: This is just a reminder that we will begin the scheduling process in earnest when we return from break. You can find more detailed information in the slideshow I sent to you after Curriculum Night, but here are a few important upcoming dates:

4/9: Last day of the 3rd quarter

4/6–4/15: Students work with their advisors on scheduling

4/15: Course Requests and 6th major applications due

5/4: Department Chairs begin communicating potential placement changes to student

In order to get a fuller sense of the academic program, graduation requirements, and course descriptions, you can refer to the Course of Study through the following link: [2026-27 Upper School Course of Study](#)

Spring 9th Grade Parent Forum: Our Spring 9th Grade Parent Forum will be held on **Tuesday, April 14 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Hajjar Auditorium**. I always enjoy our conversations at these events and hope that you can make it.

As we head into spring break, I just want to let you know how much I appreciate your partnership over the last 6 months in helping the 9th graders get "launched" in the Upper School. It truly has been a team effort, and your support has been invaluable.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring break!

Warmly,

Brian