



## US Class Dean Update

March 19, 2026

To the families of the Class of 2028,

We have officially made it to Spring Break! Time is such a funny thing—as I looked back at some of my old memos for inspiration, I saw my past self writing, “Congratulations to the 9th graders for completing their first PAW,” and now I’m about to talk about scheduling for junior year. With the passage of time has come incredible growth, and though I’ve said it many times this year, I’ll say it once again—I am so grateful for my front row seat to the growth and development of these wonderful young people.

With that being said, the lead-up to PAW is always a stressful one, as students think about all the exams they have to take, the projects that are due, and the presentations they have to give. Once PAW is here, however, there is a refreshing calm that overtakes students as they navigate an open campus. With the addition of the exam block this year, while for some it looked daunting, many students ultimately appreciated the way in which it freed up their schedules. And as I mentioned before, we are almost halfway done with high school (I know, right?).

As we head into Spring Break, just a few reminders about what’s to come for the rest of the school year:

### **Key Dates:**

Once we return from break, scheduling season will be off and running! Please find a recap of those important dates below:

- 4/6–4/15 – Scheduling in Advisory
- 4/9 – Physics Diagnostic (Activity Period)

- **4/15** – Course requests due, 6th major applications due, and Peer Mentor/SAGE applications due
- **4/16** – Quarter 3 grades released
- **5/4** – Department Chairs begin communicating any changes

In the meantime, please feel free to begin reviewing the [Course of Study](#) as you and your student start thinking about course requests for junior and senior year.

### **Spring Parent Forum:**

The Spring Parent Forum is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, from 8:30–10:00 a.m. We'll cover a range of topics, including an overview of the college process and how to partner with the College Counseling Office (CCO), information about the Peer Mentor and SAGE programs, and a preview of a new initiative launching next year: Community Building. I'll also share some updates on how the Class of 2028 is doing and what they've been up to. As always, I will send a recap afterward for anyone who is unable to attend.

### **Reminder About Drop-off**

For those of you who drop your children off at school in the mornings, our facilities and security teams have asked us to remind you to wait until you reach the designated drop-off zone in front of the Middle School before letting students out of the vehicle. When cars stop early, it can create a logjam for those waiting behind and makes it more difficult to ensure the safety of pedestrians navigating between stopped and moving vehicles. We know that mornings can be hectic, but this process is designed to keep things moving as safely and efficiently as possible for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation.

As we head into break, I hope everyone can find some time to do something that brings you joy and allows you to rejuvenate. I'm personally looking forward to catching up on some precious "doing nothing" time. See you in April!

Best regards,  
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