



US Class Dean Update

Hi 9th Grade Families,

We're almost at the finish line! Since our first class meeting 10 months ago, the group has really immersed themselves in the D-E community and are very much deserving of the rest and change of pace that the summer offers. I just want to give you a few updates about the last days of school:

Thursday is our class trip to the Bronx Zoo, which promises to be a fun, educational, and (based on the weather forecast) hot day. Students are allowed to bring backpacks into the zoo, and I've encouraged them to dress for the hot weather, bring water bottles and fill it up throughout the day, and wear sunscreen. There are numerous concessions and shaded areas at the zoo if the students want a snack or simply get out of the sun for a little while. We want our trip to be inclusive of all members of the grade, and so if your child will need financial assistance for lunch at the zoo please reach out and let me know. As an added treat, the Parent's Association has generously arranged for an ice cream truck to be on campus when we return to cap off the day. Buses will run as normal that day.

Here's the schedule of the day:

8:45 - 9:00: Students meet outside Umpleby Hall
9:00 - 9:15: Load school buses by advisory
9:15: Depart for the Bronx Zoo
10:00 - 1:45: Time to explore the zoo
1:45: Gather and meet advisors at the zoo entrance/exit gate
2:00: Depart for D-E
2:30 (traffic depending): Return to D-E, enjoy some ice cream.

Friday will then be the last day of school. All classes in our A-H block rotation will run for 20 minutes, and the day will conclude after our 12:00 school meeting. Students can leave at that point, and buses will depart campus at 1:40.

Have a great evening.

Warm Regards,

Brian