



July 30, 2020

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we officially (and finally!) graduated our Class of 2020 8th grade. It was so nice to see them in our personal family diploma presentations. As I said in my graduation video speech, although we don't know what this coming year will bring our graduates, we have no doubt of their ability to embrace and overcome the challenges they will face. We enjoyed all our time with our graduates and wish them every success in the year ahead.

And with the books now truly closed on last year, we turn our attention to this coming year. Our faculty will report to school this coming week for in-service meetings. Next Friday, a week from tomorrow, is our Visiting Day for students in 1st-8th grades. Teacher emails and videos will be coming to you next week with instructions for Big School children and parents, as will the traditional letters in the mail for Little School children and parents.

I am attaching a document that attempts to spell out our plans and procedures for reopening school. This information is also available on our website on the [COVID-19 page](#). (Once again, if you haven't checked out our new website, you really should!) This document is intended to reflect how the school as a whole will run; the separate divisions, or even grades, may have more detailed plans specifically designed to address situations unique to that division or grade.

In order to comply with state expectations for operating schools in the pandemic, we have adopted some specific health and wellness policies for the current year. These policies will come to you in a separate email that will include an electronic signature to acknowledge that you have read and acknowledge the policies. Thank you in advance for reviewing these and understanding the necessity of them.

Please know that we are making every effort to make school as "normal" as possible while fully complying with all public health requirements and your own expectations for health and safety. I am sure we will have to make additional adjustments as we begin this year—I have told the faculty that "flexibility" will have to be the word of the year!

Enjoy these final days of summer!

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Head of School