

Dear Lower School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year!

In just a few days, our building will be abuzz with the hum of teachers and students beginning the school year together. The LS faculty and staff have put immense preparations into getting learning spaces and curriculum in place. We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, friendships, and social-emotional growth. Let's get this adventurous and exciting journey started!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted the required back-to-school forms on PowerSchool. Please do us a big favor and take another look at the forms posted to your account with this [PowerSchool link](#) if you haven't already. Shannon sent personal emails to families needing any documents completed.

Tuesday, August 29, Meet and Greet from 3:00-4:00 "Open House" style.

All classrooms (homerooms and Specialists), will be open.

Tomorrow afternoon's Meet and Greet is a great time not only to get settled in the classrooms, but also to bring Shannon medications, hard copies of Allergy or Asthma Action Plans, or permission to administer any other medications. *If your child requires medications or epi-pens to be stored in the school office, the paperwork and medication need to be here by this Friday. This is a critical part of our safety plan.*

Wednesday, August 30

First day of school for K-5! If you come into the building to take a picture of your child's first day, please say a quick good-bye soon after so that students can focus on their teacher's directions. I can tell you from 33 years of classroom experience that after parents leave, students quickly settle in. Even if they are nervous! Our teachers are masters at re-directing and engaging kids from the get-go.

If you will be on campus this day, as soon as your child is dropped off, please head to the outdoor courtyard of our main gym, ESAC, for a **parent coffee** put on by our Parent Association. I will be there, too, and I hope to see many of you.

Friday, September 1

We will have a short Friday Assembly this week on September 1 from 8:35 until about 9:00. Our Friday Assemblies are held in the Dragons Den which is in the basement of Metters Gym. Look for fifth graders to guide you towards all the action! Parents, relatives, and friends are welcome, so we hope you will be able to join us for this community event.

The Dragon Dance, for the entire K-12 community, is this Friday and will begin at about 2:15. It is held outside, from the Davenport House down to the graduation platform area. Again, we welcome you to join us! The kindergarteners, our 'Littlest Dragons,' will be introduced one at a time by our 13-year seniors (those students who have been at the school since kindergarten). This has been a great tradition for many, many years. There will be much traffic, so plan on arriving before 2:15.

Other important notes:

Edsby, our LMS (Learning Management System): A school's LMS is its hub of communication and activity. **Edsby will be a critically integrated component of our K-12 communication, classroom learning, resources, and progress reporting. Details you need to know about Edsby are located in the K-12 Parent Tech and Communications Overview located in the [Back to School Documents](#) section of our website (password = inspiring).**

Back to School Night—Parents, please plan to attend presentations **Thursday evening, September 7**. This event is parents-only. The schedule below is packed, and we hope all of you will join us for an informative night regarding key areas of your and your child’s SGS experience in the Lower School. For the Edsby portion, it will help to have your device(s) with you so you can put concepts into practice in conjunction with our SGS Tech Team.

Lower School Back to School Night Schedule Every grade band begins at 6:30—see below for rotations. Families with students in both grade bands will have to decide what to attend.	
Parents of Grades K-1-2	Parents of Grades 3-4-5
6:30-7:10 Classroom Presentations	6:30-6:50 Edsby training in Dragons Den
7:15-7:35 Specialists’ Presentations in Dragons Den	6:50-7:10 Specialists’ Presentations in Dragons Den
7:35-7:55 Edsby training in Dragons Den	7:15-7:55 Classroom Presentations

After-School Enrichment Clubs (ASE): Registrations continue to pour in. To date, over 65% of Lower School students have been enrolled in one club or more. Clubs begin next week.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. I am hoping to see you around campus at Meet and Greet tomorrow or any other time this week!

Sincerely,




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