

FRIENDS SELECT

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Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope your summer break has been an enjoyable one so far. We are in the middle of our Philadelphia triple digit heat wave, so the idea of getting back to our air conditioned school building sounds inviting from this perspective. For me there is still a lot of little league and tournament baseball to watch, including a week in Cooperstown at Dream Park. As always, I look forward to sharing my experiences with you and your children.

To help you plan for the upcoming academic year, I want to inform you of some important events to put on your calendar.

Opening-of-School Events

Tuesday, September 7: Orientation and registration for all middle school students. New students and their hosts should arrive by 8:30 a.m. Returning students should arrive by 8:50 a.m. All returning students will be finished by 11:20 a.m. and should plan to leave then. New students will stay for lunch with their advisors and be finished by 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8: Classes will begin at 8 a.m. Students should bring all books and supplies.

Wednesday, September 22: Back-to-School Night for all middle school parents starts at 6 p.m.

Important Forms – due by August 6


Medical Emergency form. A personalized form was mailed to you in the spring. If you do not have it, contact Ellen Gershman in Admission at ellen@friends-select.org.

Handbook for Middle School Students and Parents signature sheet. This form was mailed to you in July. You will find the handbook on-line in the *Parents* section of the school Web site. The signature sheet indicates that you and your child have read, discussed, and understood the school policies set forth in the handbook.

Note: If a student's signature sheet and medical emergency form are not on file, he or she will not be allowed to register or attend classes. Kindly submit these forms by August 6 to allow for an uncomplicated registration process in the fall. Please check the *Parents* section of the Web site for other required forms.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at terryk@friends-select.org. (Note: I will be away from July 28-August 15 watching baseball, then hiking in the fresh New Mexican air.) Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,



Terry Kessel
Director of Middle School

P.S. Please note this change in access to the building: Starting September 7, the front door (at 17th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway) will be locked and the reception area will be closed at 5 p.m., instead of 6 p.m., as in the past. The back door (16th Street entrance) will continue to be staffed from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m., and from 2:30 – 6 p.m. Entry to the school from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. will continue to be via the front door only. As always, parents and visitors will be asked to provide proper identification before proceeding into the building.