



FRIENDS SELECT

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Dear Upper School Parents,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer. While the students are gone, we are working hard to prepare for next year. The library renovations are underway and construction of the classrooms at 1700 Race Street are going well. Of course, I am enjoying summer hours, but look forward to the spark of energy that occurs when students return.

Here are some important dates for you to note,

Special Pre-School and Opening-of-School Events

- **Monday, August 23:** Upper school fall sports practices begin (mandatory for participating athletes). Please note that students must have submitted all necessary medical forms to the school before they will be permitted to practice with Friends Select athletic teams. Please see the Fall Sports Letter, posted on-line under *Parents*, for additional information.
- **Tuesday, September 7:** Orientation and registration for all upper school students. Please see the detailed registration day schedule posted on-line under *Parents*.
- **Tuesday, September 7-** US New Parent Coffee- 7:30 a.m.- this is question-and-answer session on the details of life in the upper school for new families to Friends Select.
- **Wednesday, September 8:** Classes begin.
- **Monday, September 20:** Grade 12 College Night for students and parents starts at 6:00 p.m.
- **September 24:** The ninth grade opening activity this year is a day-long rafting trip. Please remember that the permission form is due no later than Thursday, September 10. It is posted on-line under *Parents*.
- **Thursday, September 30:** Back-to-School Night for all upper school parents starts at 5:45 p.m.

Important Forms – due by August 7:

- **Medical Emergency Form.** Please return the form that was mailed to you in the spring. If you do not have the personalized form, contact Ellen Gershman in Admission at ellen@friends-select.org.
- **Handbook Signature Form.** It is important for you and your child to read the *Upper School Handbook*, which can be found as a link in the *Parents* and *Students* sections of the Web site. A signature form has been mailed to you that states that you and your child have read, discussed, and understood the school policies set forth in the handbook. The form also is posted on-line under *Parents*.

Note: If the medical emergency form and signature form are not on file, students will not be allowed to register or attend classes. So kindly follow these guidelines in order to allow for an uncomplicated registration process in the fall.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions about these or any other matters. I hope that you continue to enjoy the summer.

Sincerely,



Jesse Dougherty
Director of Upper 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.