



New Student and Parent Information

Now that New Family Orientation as well as Placement Testing have been completed, we are making plans for your fall arrival. We are taking every measure and thinking very strategically about the days and months ahead so that your first year with us, from orientation in the fall to final days in the spring, are as seamless and memorable as possible. Of course, we cannot wait to welcome you on campus in person. I hope it is some comfort to know that, in these unsettling times, Delbarton School is a proud and committed partner with you on your son's educational journey.

With Governor Murphy's announcement that in-person schooling this year has been canceled for all New Jersey students, we thought it would be a good time to share with you a digital copy of our [Delbarton Today](#) magazine to perhaps raise your spirits a bit and give you things to look forward to when you join us in the fall. Enjoy the fun articles and beautiful pictures.

In the meantime, please know that you are never far from our thoughts, and that we always stand ready to help you or answer any questions that you may have for us. And until we meet again, let us take heart in our school motto, *Succisa Virescit!*

Message to the Class of 2024

All incoming 9th graders who are new to Delbarton School (i.e., not currently in the Delbarton Middle School) are required to take a math placement test. New, incoming students will also be required to take placement tests in English and/or science if they register for the advanced level offerings in those areas. An oral placement test will be necessary if a student registers for level II or higher in any language course. The Placement Testing program will be held on Saturday, May 2 (details below).

New Student and Parent Orientation

Date: Monday, April 20

Time: 7:00 pm

Recordings: Click below to view parts 1 and 2 of April 20 New Family Orientation

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Click here to view the incoming 7th grade students and parents zoom conference from Monday, April 20.](#)

[Click here to view the incoming transfer family orientation zoom conference from Tuesday, May 19.](#)

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April 16, 2020

Dear New Delbarton Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well since my last correspondence. I wanted to provide you an update on things happening at Delbarton as you prepare to begin your Delbarton journey with us next year.

While Delbarton continues to run operations remotely and develop scenario contingencies based on the latest available information, Governor Murphy will be making a statement this Friday, April 17th regarding his intentions for all New Jersey schools. While teaching and learning continues remotely as well as many virtual events like community service projects, faculty meet-ups, and student body game competitions, a couple of exciting developments are also moving forward on campus that I wish to bring to your attention.

First, as announced in separate emails to rising seventh and ninth grade families earlier this week, we will be holding two online events at the same time on **Monday, April 20th from 7:00-8:30 pm** -- one is a New Family Orientation for rising ninth-grade families which may be accessed [here](#) and the other is a live orientation webinar run by our Middle School Guidance Counselor, Mr. Rick Cimino, for rising seventh-grade families which may be found [here](#). These events will be recorded for those who cannot attend them live and posted on our [Virtual Delbarton Hub](#). For families who have sons transferring into our tenth and eleventh grades, they will be contacted directly by either Mr. Chris Cocozello (Sophomore Guidance Counselor) or Mrs. Kelly Gleason (Junior Guidance Counselor) through the spring about matters pertaining to them as transfers.

We are greatly disappointed that we cannot host these events on campus and welcome everyone to Delbarton in person. However, these virtual events will cover the same information that we normally do. Moreover, we are developing a new welcome Mass and Picnic for all new families to be held on **Sunday, August 23rd** when we hope to finally be able to gather in person on campus as a community. Please keep an eye out this summer for more information about these and other important activities marking the start of our 2020-21 school year.



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Second, our Dean of Guidance, Dr. Matthew D'Urso, will soon be in touch with rising ninth-grade families about online course placement testing. These tests will enable us to best match each student's subject background and ability with our available course offerings to most effectively build every student's freshman year schedule.

Third, we will be sending you an invitation to watch our annual Delbarton Experience talks. This event is a beloved community tradition where we ask five graduating seniors to each reflect on their time at Delbarton and share their own personal stories with us. Every year these reflections are testimonies to what we believe is unique and beautiful about being part of Delbarton. We hope you have an opportunity to witness the power of these student talks for yourself.

Finally, if you have not done so already, please visit our [Learning Commons Construction](#) web camera link on delbarton.org to watch live the building progress of our new 20,000 square foot, state-of-the-art addition to Trinity Hall which we anticipate being completed by September 2021. We are looking forward to how this learning space will enhance the academic experiences and possibilities of our students and teachers alike at every grade level.

I hope these developments provide you with some exciting things to look forward to during these challenging times. Know that Delbarton is here with you and for you as we adapt our collective lives to this "new normal". Stay well and kindly reach out if you have any questions at all which we can help you with at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Donovan".

David Donovan, Ph.D
Dean of Admission and
Director of Financial Aid

Notes from the School Nurse

I am here to help keep your son's healthy and safe during the school day. The nurse's office is on the first floor of Trinity Hall in the Library, Room 136 and is open from 7:30 am to 4 pm.

- All students must have a yearly Participation Physical Evaluation, dated between **February 1 - July 1, 2020**, available on the Parent Page of Delbarton.org under Forms. You will soon be receiving an invitation to upload these forms to our new Health Information System, Magnus. If your son will be playing a sport, the required sports forms will be available on Magnus for you to complete before your son can try out. Medical enrollments must be completed and approved in order to receive their class schedules
- **Students with life-threatening allergies MUST carry both their epinephrine auto-injectors (EPIPENS etc.) at all times, on campus and at all extracurricular activities.** PLEASE EMPHASIZE THAT THEY MUST TELL SOMEONE IF THEY ARE HAVING A REACTION. Epipen are in all the AEDs on campus and with the athletic trainers. If you have any questions about food in the cafeteria, you can check the SAGE dining online menu and allergy filter, or ask to speak to the manager of the dining services. Students with other health conditions should also inform the nurses.
- Students are **NOT** permitted to carry **ANY MEDICATION** with them to take during the school day, even OTC medication such as Tylenol, Advil, cough or allergy medicine. All medication must be taken at the nurse's office. Please label inhalers and epipens with your son's name.
- Please don't send your son to school if he is ill, if he has a fever in the past 24 hours or has vomited during the night. Some parents have quite a distance to come to pick their son up during the school day, so it is easier and healthier for all to just stay home. Students must see me first if they are not feeling well and want to go home, even if they have already contacted you for a ride. Students must sign out at the Main Office before leaving school for any reason.
- Please send me any doctor's notes about **injuries**. Delbarton carries secondary insurance which may help with costs your primary insurance does not cover. Students on crutches are not permitted to go to the cafeteria for lunch, with the crowds and the stairs. They can order lunch to eat in my office, and are welcome to have a friend to join them.
- A good night's sleep and a good breakfast in the AM is important for good health. Limiting screens in the bedroom is one way to ensure they are well rested for school the next day. Students should have a proper fitting backpack and should not carry more than 15% of their body weight. Encourage them to use his locker.

More health information is on the website and the enews. Please feel free to contact the school nurse with any health concerns or questions at dmcauliffe@delbarton.org or 973-538-3231 x3080

Clubs and Student Activities

There will be an Activities Fair scheduled for the All-Student Orientation/First Day of School on August 25. Information on all our club offerings can be found [here](#).

Athletics

Freshman Football tentatively begins summer workouts on Monday, June 15.

The first day of training camp will be Wednesday, August 12. Any questions, reach out to Freshman Football head coach Dan DesPlaines at Ddesplaines@delbarton.org