

Dear Families,

Happy Summer! I hope you are reading this while you're getting the opportunity to relax and visit family or friends. It's been nice to officially be able to explore the Charlotte area and most importantly, sleep. Thank goodness for Camp Cannon as they remind me of the joys of your children's laughter that I tend to miss during the summer months. Please be sure to read this entire message and as always, reach out with questions.

First off, I know COVID protocols are certainly on people's minds. Maybe tied for first place with classroom placement. Either way, all of this information is coming. The school leadership team meets regularly throughout the summer, and we will communicate plans on August 5. Our goal is to provide as normal an opening as possible for our students while navigating any important safety concerns. Division-specific communication will follow the all-school communication on August 5.

Next up, classroom placement. The highly anticipated classroom placements will be posted August 10th. You will receive a letter from your homeroom teacher in the next few weeks. As a reminder, this is a very thoughtful and collaborative process involving our entire Lower School faculty. As I often share, you are guaranteed an amazing teacher as we consider both the best match for your child and the chemistry of classroom dynamics. Due to this thoughtful process, your class placement will be final. As a reminder, our students have time throughout the day to interact with their full grade level. Thank you for your understanding and partnership.

### **Student Orientation**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on August 18. Given the age of our children and wanting to provide the best opportunity for them to explore the classroom, we are asking families to come on a schedule during orientation. Please see the schedule below and reach out with clarifying questions.

<b>Wednesday, August 18</b>	<b>Student Orientation</b>	<b>Details</b>
8:30-10:30	All Junior Kindergarten families alpha by last name	30 minute visits (details coming in separate email)
8:30-10:30	All Kindergarten families alpha by last name	30 minute visits (details coming in separate email)

10:00-11:00	Current families in 1st-4th	You are welcome to drop off any materials while you meet your new teacher. Please be sure to collect important information from teachers in the classroom. Please be mindful as more parking will become available as middle school families leave their orientation at 10:00.
11:00-12:00	New families- 1st-4th grade	You are welcome to drop off any materials while you meet your new teacher. Please be sure to collect important information from teachers in the classroom.
	All families	All families will receive an introduction video from our Lower School Admin team.

We are very excited to welcome new families along with new faculty to our Lower School family. As we all experienced, it can be very daunting as one navigates the first year at Cannon. Let's remember to extend our kindness and grace in the upcoming year.

**Jr Kindergarten and Kindergarten Families**

Please be on the lookout for additional communication related to the details of student orientation and the first two days of school as we have modified these to best meet the needs of you and your child.

There is still plenty of summer left to enjoy. Please be sure you take a moment to do something today that brings you joy. I'm so excited to partner with you this upcoming school year.

All my best,  
Dr. Nixon

JrK - K email

Dear Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten families,

When I get the chance to speak with families about the younger years, one common sentiment I hear is that "it came so fast!" Life tends to sneak up on us and it's why we must cherish each day. Thank you for choosing us to share these amazing years with. As we consider the developmental needs of our students (and yours honestly) in these grades, we approach the start of the year with

thoughtful consideration. With that being said, I wanted to share the details of student orientation along with the first two days of school.

**Welcome to Cannon** - Our teachers want to offer you an orientation to Cannon and JrK. You will receive an email from them shortly with details. Please save the date for August 11, 2021.

<b>Wednesday, August 18</b>	Student Orientation	Details
8:30-10:30	All Junior Kindergarten families alpha by last name	8:30-9:00: Adamzcuk, Akhileish, Brooks, Chung Craven, Dargel, Dollar <b>9:00-9:30: Emerling, Hines, Hitt, Holston, Hopes, Leck, Lewis</b> 9:30-10:00: Mehta, Milam, Miller, Ngana, Patel, Robinson, Russell <b>10:00-10:30: Sheth, Stavrakas, Stephens, Tomasino, Washington, Wilson, Wolfe</b>
8:30-10:30	All Kindergarten families alpha by last name	<b>8:30-9:00: Allen, Archer, Amann, Bennett, Bumgarner Carter, Chamra, Cornet, Currence, Dunn, Fischer, Lawhorne, McCallum</b> 9:00-9:30: Eaves, Gallimore, George, Hansen, Hawk, Hernandez, Lineburger, McKormick, Newett-Onate, Newman, Oswald, Robinson <b>9:30-10:00: Lee, Maier, Moore, Morrell, Reddy, Ridenhour, Papageorgiou, Ragan, Rajper, Ramchandani, Sanders, Washington</b> 10:00-10:30: Satoskar, Shaffer, Smith, Stone, Swanick, Tompkins, Toney, Wallace, Zambrycki, Zapata

**First Days of School- August 19 - August 20**

As shared above, in order to help orient our students to the start of school, we offer a modified school day for the first two days. This allows for a quieter and more streamlined drop off and pick up for our students who tend to be a bit more nervous on the first few days. **We also ask that you pack a lunch for students on these days as well.** We will eat in the cafeteria during the year but will hold off on navigating the line until the first full week of school. I have shared details below.

**Time:** 9:00-2:00 p.m. (Please bring a packed lunch)

**Drop off:** You can begin drop off at 8:30 a.m. Please use the doors closest to JrK-K hallway. There will be greeters there to assist you.

**Pick up:** Please arrive by 1:45 for dismissal. Pull up to the cones in two lines (one the fire lane and the other far left leaving the middle lane open) Teachers will escort children to their cars. Please do not park in a parking space and walk up.

As always, if you have any clarifying questions, please reach out.

All the best,

Dr. Nixon