



DELBARTON SCHOOL

August 2021

Welcome Delbarton Parents!

I hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the summer and looking forward to a stimulating and successful school year. Before that first day of class arrives, there is some important information that you should know about.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The first major event of the upcoming academic year is the New Student Orientation Program. The program is designed as an introduction to not only the academic but also the spirit and culture of Delbarton School for all 7th and 9th graders (both new and returning) as well as incoming transfers to grades 10 and 11.

New Student Orientation Day: Wednesday, August 25

- **Arrive by 8:00 am and proceed to the FAC**
- **Dismissal at 4:00 pm for 9th, 10th, & 11th graders**

*****Attendance is MANDATORY. Bussing is not available on this day.*****

Dress is casual (e.g., khaki shorts, polo shirt, sneakers) and lunch will be provided. All students are required to bring their laptop to school on August 25 in order to ensure that they have the necessary software. There will be multiple activities which require the use of a computer. In addition please bring several pens/pencils and a blank notebook. It may be best to carry all of the above in a computer case or backpack. Instruction in the use of Google Suite and online research tools will be provided during orientation and throughout the school year to help students plan and organize their many responsibilities.

ALL STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The second major event of the upcoming academic year is the All Student Orientation Program. The program, which is considered the first official school day, includes presentations by the administration and student leaders, grade level guidance meetings, a technology information session, photo IDs, an activities fair, and a BBQ lunch. Dress is *school casual* (e.g.,





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khaki shorts, polo shirt, sneakers; no t-shirts/athletic wear). No need to bring anything. Those interested in ordering school photos from Wallburg Studios will need to get the *access/proof card* from your son, which they will receive on Orientation day. This access/proof card, which has a personal access code, will allow you to access and order your son's photos online.

All Student Orientation Day: Thursday, August 26

- **Arrive by 8:00 am and proceed to the FAC**
- **Dismissal at 2:30 pm for most underclassmen although some students will be required to attend various trainings and meetings in the later afternoon**

******Attendance is MANDATORY. Bussing is available on this day.******

Bussing: For those students on routes 1 through 12 (i.e., Essex, Union, Hunterdon, Bergen, Franklin Lakes/Riverdale/Kinnelon, Mt. Lakes, Summit, Newark, Cheesequake, Somerville, Hoboken), your bussing for Thursday, August 26th is confirmed.

Due to contractual obligations of drivers by local municipalities, Delbarton School has arranged for shuttles for the following routes (Chatham/Madison/Convent Station, Far Hills/Bernardsville/Old Mill, Chester/Mendham).

You should have received information outlining transportation, bus routes, pick-up and drop off times from Mr. Kent Manno. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please contact Mr. Kent Manno, Director of Transportation Services, at kmanno@delbarton.org.

RETREAT PROGRAM

One important task your sons will have at both the *New and All* Student Orientation (August 25th & 26th) is registering for their respective grade-level retreat. The annual retreat is an essential element of our efforts to educate the whole student in mind, body, and spirit. As such, it is a mandatory part of the program for every grade level, and students are required to be present for the entire experience. During the Orientation,





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students will have the opportunity to fill out a registration form on which they will indicate their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for their retreat date, as well as possible conflicts with each retreat. We will make every attempt to honor each student's first choice; however, since the retreat centers have limited capacity, we will inevitably need to give some students either their second or, in certain rare cases, third choice. We will always do so with careful and thoughtful consideration. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in making the annual retreat the priority for you that it is for us. Please look over the posted retreat dates on the school calendar and have a conversation with your son about preferred dates and potential conflicts. Retreat rosters will be posted by the end of the first week of school with a letter containing essential information and instructions. See below for a listing of this year's retreat dates:

2021-2022 Retreat Dates

Middle School (Day of Recollection):

Oct. 13, 2021

Freshman:

Oct. 1-2, 2021

Nov. 12-13, 2021

Dec. 3-4, 2021

Sophomores (Social Justice - Romero Center in Camden, NJ)

Nov. 3-5, 2021

Feb. 2-4, 2022

April 6-8, 2022

Juniors (KAIROS - Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY):

Nov. 9-12, 2021

Jan. 25-28, 2022

Mar. 22-25, 2022





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Seniors (Extended Day of Recollection - St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling):

Oct. 27, 2021

Jan. 19, 2022

Mar. 15, 2022

Our best wishes to all of you for an exciting and rewarding year. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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