



July 5, 2022

Dear SEM families,

Pardon the interruption - I hope you are taking advantage of the long summer days to spend time with your family and friends. I am catching up on some reading, connecting with graduates around the country, and playing as much tennis and golf as I can squeeze in. At SEM, summer is the time we finalize our plans for the upcoming school year. This email signals the official transition to the 2022 - 23 school year.

In this email, you will find essential information regarding our new health portal, an important access point that streamlines our communication with you regarding your daughter's health and provides accessible and more secure information for Nurse Kim. In addition, you will find updated dress code information, a school calendar, a technology update, fall athletic team information, and summer academic work.

Last week our administrative team held a retreat where we renewed our commitment to providing you clear and timely communication and to making sure our decisions and our work are guided by [our Mission](#). In keeping with these two themes, our team also reviewed one of the most important accomplishments of last year, the approval by the entire faculty at our closing meeting of the Portrait of a Graduate (POG), the culmination of a year's work by a small, dedicated group of faculty and staff.

**SEM prepared me to:**

- Enthusiastically share what makes me unique
- Pursue new learning experiences with curiosity
- Speak confidently and listen with an open mind
- Converse with anyone about anything
- Fully participate in the creation of a world that is just, diverse, inclusive, and ever changing.

Articulated is our commitment to provide all students an educational experience that encourages curiosity, individuality, confidence, and an open mind. These traits will prepare our graduates to be actively engaged in creating a just, diverse, and inclusive world. After two years of internal focus, in the upcoming year we will seek more

opportunities for our students to learn about and to engage with the world beyond the halls of 205 Bidwell.

Our next all-school communication is set for early August. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact [Pat Patillo](#) in the front office if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Please stay in touch,

Helen

#### Important Information and Links:

- [2022-23 All School Calendar at a glance](#)
- SEM has elected to use the [SNAP Health Portal](#) to better connect you with your child's school health and wellness information. This web-based system provides an easy, secure, and green way for you to update and review important school health information and medical documents throughout the year. With 24-hour access over the web, you will be able to:
  - Electronically sign and submit all health forms safely over the internet.
  - Review and update new health information such as vaccinations, health conditions, and screening results throughout the school year.
  - Receive immediate notifications when there are changes in your child's health status
  - Easily message Nurse Kim to expedite communication

Instructions for accessing the SNAP Health Portal will be sent via email in the next few days. Please add [noreply@studentehr.com](mailto:noreply@studentehr.com) to your email address book now to ensure proper delivery.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a short video overview

[CLICK HERE](#) for a checklist of items required to be entered

You should have recently received a request to update your contact information. That form will automatically update your emergency contact info in the SNAP Health portal. Please be sure to submit that form even if you have no changes to make.

- [The mySEM portal page](#) has the latest community information and should be checked throughout the summer. New students and parents should have received an auto generated email with login instructions for the class pages which are accessible on the mySEM portal page. Once logged in, students can see the classes they have been assigned to for trimester 1. While the class pages are available, there may not be any information posted yet, and the student daily schedule will not be available until early in August. Any school

supplies needed for each class will be posted on the class page for that class by August 1st.

- Homework for all **Intro to French and Spanish** classes can be found on the class page and is also available here.
  - [Intro French](#)
  - [Intro Spanish](#)
- Fall Sports begin on Monday, August 22nd. If you are interested in participating on a fall sports team, please complete the [Fall 2022 Sports Sign-up](#). Information regarding practice times and locations will be available on the athletic website by August 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Kacie Mills at [Kmills@buffaloseminary.org](mailto:Kmills@buffaloseminary.org).
- Please view the [Athletic Handbook HERE](#)
- SEM's New [Dress Code](#) for the 2022-23 School Year
- **Tech orientation and laptop pickup** - All new DAY students must use [this link](#) to choose a tech orientation session. If you can not attend any of these time slots, please contact [Beth Adamczyk](#).