

Weekly Eagle News – Head of Schools

My Favorite Parents:

I know we still have almost three months left in the 2023-24 school year, but that does not mean we are not already thinking and planning for the 2024-25 year. There are a number of great changes planned with the goal of continuing to improve in fulfilling our mission and vision as a school. I wanted to communicate about some of those changes today so that you have a clearer picture as you plan ahead.

Based in part on your feedback (with over 80% of parents supportive and only 10% opposed), we are moving forward with a different process for professional development time with our teachers. Historically, we have used Friday afternoons for this. It is not the most effective time for working with teachers. Instead, we are moving to a system where one-day per quarter will be dedicated to teacher professional development. There will be no school on that day. However, there will be a childcare options available for families requiring that. In an attempt to make things easier for you, these days have been attached to existing holidays or are on days that some parents already have off.

We have created some handy calendars for you to keep track of dates for the 2024-25 school year. We think this graphic format will make your life easier.

[2024-25 Preschool Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Lower School Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Middle School Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Upper School Calendar](#)

Our Friday dismissal times will change because of the change with professional development for teachers. Currently we are planning that the upper school will dismiss at 2:20 pm, with lower school dismissals at 2:05 and 2:20 pm and the middle school at 2:05 pm. This may get tweaked just a bit, but that is the current plan.

Based on the high usage of the discounted extended care plan, we will continue to offer that option for the coming year. We have added an option that includes holidays and Teacher Work Days under a similarly discounted approach. There will continue to be an hourly drop-in rate (same as current cost, \$10.50/hour) for parents who do not need regular extended care. Follow this [LINK](#) for more details.

Have a great week.

Brian