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Dear Parents:

I am so excited to welcome your family for the 2024-2025 school year at Grand River Academy®. While it has been busy around campus this summer, I miss seeing our students and faculty each day. The purpose of this letter is to share important information so that your son's arrival at school is as easy as possible. Take a moment to read through this letter and feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Again, welcome to GRA!

Please note, a copy of your son's financial statement has been emailed to every family. If you have not yet made the first payment for the 2024-2025 school year, it is due by August 15, 2024 for your son to be eligible to attend classes.

School Arrival and Information:

- Students need to arrive on campus by Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Parents are welcome to accompany their sons to the school and help with settling them into their room that day.
- All travel plans should be sent to Miss Kate Nelson (kate.nelson@grandriver.org) no later than Friday, August 23, 2024. Contact Miss Nelson even if you plan to bring your son to campus.
- Students needing transportation from the airport or bus station may reach out to the school for assistance. There is a fee attached for school or local transportation services.
- All required documents have been or will be sent next week. Please look for those (medical forms, permissions) and have all completed and returned to GRA by your son's arrival at the school.
- Students may bring a small dorm size refrigerator for the room. The school will have refrigerators available for the student to purchase upon arrival on campus.
- The suggested list of items for your son to bring to campus is attached. This includes GRA polo shirts that are required to be worn during the school day. (These are available for purchase at the school).

2024-2025 School Calendar

August 26-30, 2024 Faculty/Staff In-Service

September 2, 2024 Labor Day

September 3, 2024 Students Arrive

September 4, 2024 Classes Begin

October 17, 2024 Grading Period One Ends

October 18-21, 2024 Parents Weekend & Parent/Teacher Conference (Schedule of Events to Follow)

November 26, 2024 ½ Day Classes (Afternoon departure for break)

November 27-Dec. 1, 2024 Thanksgiving Break

December 13, 2024 Grading Period Two Ends

December 14-16, 2024 Midterm Exams

December 17, 2024 Winter Break Begins

January 5, 2025 Students Return

January 6, 2025 Classes Resume

February 14, 2025 ½ Day Classes (Afternoon departure for long weekend)

February 14-17, 2025 Presidents' Day-Long Weekend

March 14, 2025 Grading Period Three Ends

March 14, 2025 ½ Day Classes (Afternoon departure for spring break)

March 15-30, 2025 Spring Break

March 29-30, 2025 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual or In-Person)

March 31, 2025 Classes Resume

April 18, 2025 ½ Day Classes (Afternoon departure for long weekend)

April 18-21, 2025 Easter/ Long Weekend

April 22, 2025 Classes Resume

May 2-4, 2025 Alumni Weekend & School Gala

May 16, 2025 Grading Period Four Ends

May 19-21, 2025 Final Exams

May 21, 2025 Senior Trip

May 21-22, 2025 Underclassmen depart for Summer

May 23, 2025 Senior Banquet

May 24, 2025 Graduation

May 25, 2025 Summer Break Begins

Dormitory Guidelines:

Rooms may be decorated in moderation and each student may decorate one wall, so he feels more at home. Please work with your son as he packs to bring less to school for the safety and well-being of everyone. The following guidelines will be enforced:

1. Desks, floors, beds, and closet areas will be neat and clean for weekly room inspections.
2. Belongings must fit in the provided cupboard space or other plastic containers that will fit under the bed or in the closet area.
3. Food must be stored in sealed plastic containers or in a refrigerator.
4. Please remember nothing can be permanently attached to the walls so Command strips or sticky

putty must be used to hang items. No double-sided tape.

5. Personal hygiene items must be kept in a portable tote for your son to take in and out of the bathroom daily (this makes keeping the bathrooms clean much easier for the students).

6. Dorm parents, faculty, assigned staff, and administration will work with the guys to help keep the rooms in compliance with the guidelines. If needed, a student may be asked to pack and store excess items in a safe location until they may be sent home.

Finally, we worked on updating student/parent handbooks this summer with current and vital information to help your family have the best experience possible at Grand River Academy®. The handbooks will be posted on the website during opening week. I encourage you to review the information with your son. A signed acknowledgement needs to be returned to the school upon arrival at campus for the school year.

Feel free to reach out to me or anyone at the school with questions. Here's to a great 2024-2025 school year!

Regards,

Dr. Gina Borst

Head of School

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Student Move-In

Tuesday, September 3

Student Welcome 9AM-4PM-Library

Dorm Greeters 9AM-Noon

Dorm Greeters 12:30-4:00PM

Parent Orientation Session-1:00PM-Library

Dinner 5:30PM

Families Depart 5:30PM

Student School Meeting 6:00PM

Schedules

Afternoon Sports

Daily Schedule

New Student Testing-Library-7:00PM

Dorm Coverage-Shepard-6:30-8:30PM

Dorm Coverage- North/Warren-6:30-8:30PM

Gym Open-6:30-8:30PM

Student Center Open-6:30-8:30PM

Pizza Party-Quad-9:00PM

Lights Out-10:00PM

Wednesday, September 4

Start of School Year!