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Dear New-to-Cannon Families,

There are so many things to track when you join a new community. The key is to reach out when you feel like you have lost your way. There are lots of us around this summer, so please don't suffer in silence.

### **Here is the good news:**

By now, you have either attended the New Parent Reception or have hopefully connected with an Upper School family and perhaps even with a Cannon admin team member. Your relational journey in our community has begun.

By now, your child should have completed their placement tests, as needed, so that we can create their schedule for the upcoming academic year. And more importantly, so that they can complete any required summer reading or assignments.

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

If your child has not completed a placement test, then this is the priority. We cannot make a schedule for a student without placement tests. Please reach out to our Assistant Head of Upper School for Academics, Dr. Becca Eury, ([reury@cannonschool.org](mailto:reury@cannonschool.org)), to schedule these placement assessments.

### **New Family Resource Page**

On our [Back-to-School Center page](#), you will find information about US textbooks to purchase. The book list is not available until JULY 1 because our online provider does not update book lists until then. I will have that link and info in our July letter as well. While there are some textbooks you can get over the summer, as you will see, a good deal of the purchases are made through the teacher and department at the start of the year.

On this page, you will also (as you scroll down and look to the right) find our US dress style guide.

Summer assignments and summer reading lists are already posted on our [Back-to-School Center page](#).

Information about September class trips for grades 9th-11th will be shared by your Class Dean later this summer, so be on the lookout for that email.

Here is your Dean info, should you want to reach out and contact your dean for any help this summer:

Class of 2026

Dean Tom Booker

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Class of 2027

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Class of 2028

Dean Paul Borowicz

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Dean Joe Trojan

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Recently, at a closing ceremony, a student referenced that she had spent 1379 days in Middle School. I also enjoy a good countdown of days, so here goes: 68 days until the first day of the 2025-26 academic year!

May you all have a restful, joyful, and uneventful summer.



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