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Dear Parker students, families and staff,

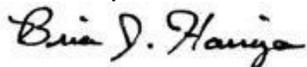
I hope that you enjoy the last weekend of summer. Savor these moments with those who you love.

We are thrilled to see all our new and returning students and welcome you to Parker next week! We are excited to get back to the structure, friendships and learning opportunities that comes with the return to school. As a student, parent and educator, I have always loved this time of year.

The staff have been here all week, learning and growing as professionals and getting ready for the year ahead. Fall sports are off to a great start. Students who may have been unsure about participating are still welcome to sign up. We begin the school year with Registration Day on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. See the details below.

I look forward to meeting all the Parker students next week. As the new Head of School, my first priority is to get to know every Parker student. I can't wait to meet you!

With respect,



Brian

**COVID Protocols:** As always, we prioritize the health and safety of everyone at Parker. We will continue to be vigilant, collaborative and transparent as we manage COVID-19. Please see the following [COVID-19 Precautions](#) for the 2022-2023 school year. As you will see, we will continue to be mask flexible at Parker without judgement or pressure. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take a self-test. We will administer antigen tests for students or staff who develop symptoms during the school day.

**Registration Day:** All students (with a parent/guardian) should plan to come to Registration Day on Wednesday, August 31. There is paperwork to be done, technology to be checked, and appointments with advisors. Families received an email earlier today with a link to make an appointment on Registration Day with your student's advisor. If you did not receive an email, please contact Monique at [mbeganski@theparkerschool.org](mailto:mbeganski@theparkerschool.org). The links will be specific to the student and are for 15-minute appointments with advisors. In addition, families should plan to arrive 15 minutes before their appointment to visit the registration table to complete paperwork and receive appointment location information. A parent/guardian is required to complete the registration form to register the student for the school year.

Returning students should bring their laptops, chargers and stylus to registration and visit the tech station in the library before or after their appointment (allowing 15 minutes for their tech check). Students will also receive their student IDs which will be needed for breakfast and lunch distribution. In

addition to the Registration discussed above, NEW students will have Orientation from 9:30-12:30 (they will receive their laptops as part of orientation). Parents/guardians do NOT need to stay for the new student orientation, but they do need to make an appointment for the Registration paperwork/advisor meeting before or after the Orientation.

**Head of School Discussions:** Please join me for one of the upcoming discussions at Parker. We added two more sessions during the school year. All are welcome. I will also be meeting with students over lunch throughout the fall. RSVP is appreciated but certainly not required by emailing Monique at [mbeganski@theparkerschool.org](mailto:mbeganski@theparkerschool.org).

- Wednesday, September 7 from 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Tuesday, September 20 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Courtyard Cleanup:** We are looking for a few more student volunteers to help clean up the courtyard on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. It is a great way for Division Three students to earn Service hours, but all are invited to help us get ready for the start of school. We will be pulling weeds, planting flowers and making the space more inviting. We will order pizza and provide plenty of water. Bring work gloves and a few tools if you have them. If you are interested, please email Monique at [mbeganski@theparkerschool.org](mailto:mbeganski@theparkerschool.org).

**Fall Sports Update:** All soccer teams and the cross country team are still accepting new participants. Please use this link to sign up: [Athlete Registration](#). Please direct any sports-related questions to Ben Benoit, Athletic Director, at [bbenoit@theparkerschool.org](mailto:bbenoit@theparkerschool.org). Game schedules have been posted on the school website under Students & Parents. Practices will resume Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm for all teams.