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Dear Students,

I hope you are having a lovely start to your summer. I'm writing today with some reminders and updates from campus.

New forms have been posted for you to complete in the [Education Community](#). Please take a moment to log in and complete these forms. As a reminder, there are two versions of the Housing Preferences form — one for families to complete, and one for students. Please complete your housing forms no later than July 1. Students completing forms after the July 1 deadline will be placed in available housing in the order their forms are received.

Reminders

HEALTH SERVICES: REQUIRED PHYSICAL

As a reminder, a medical physical is required before the start of the school year. This examination plays a crucial role in assessing student health and fitness for participation in various activities. Please be sure to get this appointment scheduled with your physician early so you can complete this requirement. In order for the physical examination to be considered valid for the upcoming school year, it must be conducted on or after April 15, 2024. Please [use this form](#) or similar to complete this

requirement. This document will be uploaded and available in your student health profile. For questions about this requirement or health services, please contact Director of Health Services [Corey Hill](#).

REQUIRED FORMS - COMPLETE ASAP

Please be sure to complete all required forms in the [Education Community](#). This includes important health forms and travel forms. We ask that you complete these and all required forms as soon as possible.

SUMMER READ

We are asking all students to read [Sunrise Nights](#), written by Jeff Zentner and our own Creative Writing instructor [Brittany Cavallaro](#). The novel, which releases on July 9 and is available for [pre-order now](#), follows two young artists on their last night of summer arts camp. Written in both verse and dialogue, it explores a variety of relevant and compelling themes. We'll host special discussions and activities related to the book, so please purchase a copy in July and read it before school starts.

MAIL AND PACKAGES

Families are encouraged to mail belongings to school. However, we ask that you not send packages or mail to the Academy **until after August 15**.

THE INTERLOCHEN EDUCATION COMMUNITY: YOUR "GO-TO" PLACE FOR INFORMATION

Interlochen's [Education Community](#) is where students and families submit applications, register for online programs, receive important information such as housing assignments and program details, and much more. We now offer a mobile app for the Education Community; in your device's app store, search for "Interlochen Edu Community" and download the app to get started. When you initially log in, you can save your credentials for easy access on the go.

Opening Weekend

Our onboarding week starts with a Family Information Session over Zoom on Monday, August 26. Those students selected as Student Leaders, Peer Mentors, and Welcome Wagon participants will arrive on Wednesday, August 28. International students, 9th-grade students, and [new](#) 10th-grade students will arrive on Thursday, August 29. **All other students should arrive on Friday, August 30.**

Families are invited to a series of receptions and information events on Friday, August 30 and Saturday, August 31. Families depart campus on Saturday evening after our 7 p.m. opening Convocation. The week's schedule is outlined below, and a detailed schedule will be shared in August.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26 (ZOOM)

- **7 - 8:30 p.m. ET** | [Zoom Link](#)

We will begin the onboarding process with a virtual presentation for all families, conducted over Zoom. Topics include family communication, parenting from a distance, and what to expect in the first week

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- **noon - 4 p.m.** | Registration and move-in for Student Leaders, Welcome Wagon participants, and Peer Mentors.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- **noon - 4 p.m.** | Registration and move-in for International students, all 9th-grade students, and all new 10th-grade students

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** | All student arrivals & registration
- **8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** | 9th and new 10th-grade orientation (Required of all 9th and new 10th-grade students)
- **10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** | International student programming (Required of all new international students; families are welcome and encouraged to attend)
- **3:30 - 4:30 p.m.** | 9th and 10th-grade parent meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- **10 a.m. - 6 p.m.** | Parent/family meetings and receptions
- **7 p.m.** | Opening Convocation (Kresge Auditorium)
- Families depart campus after Opening Convocation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- Families have departed - No programming for families on Sunday
- All day: Orientation events and recreation programs for students

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- Classes begin!
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Planning Ahead

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Please remember to review the [Academic Calendar](#) for important dates and school breaks.

FAMILY WEEKEND - SAVE THE DATE!

October 3 - 6

Save the date! We will host an on-campus Family Weekend on October 3 - 6. (We suggest you arrive the evening of October 3, so you are ready for programming on October 4.) This is a chance for families to visit your student and tour our beautiful campus, meet with faculty and Interlochen leadership, and see what we've been up to!

It is also a chance to meet with our special guest: [Lisa Damour](#). [Dr. Damour](#) is the author of three *New York Times* bestsellers: *Untangled*, *Under Pressure*, and [The Emotional Lives of Teenagers](#). For parents and anyone who is interested in learning more about teens, we highly recommend your reading [The Emotional Lives of Teenagers](#) before you arrive for Family Weekend. Dr. Damour will be meeting with students, faculty and staff, and families. An expert in child and teenage development, Dr. Damour serves as a Senior Advisor to the Schubert Center for Child Studies at Case Western Reserve University. She earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Michigan, has been a fellow at Yale's Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy and the University of Michigan's Power Foundation. And – she has served as a consultant to Pixar on the film *Inside Out 2*, and is a proud parent of two daughters. We are thrilled to have her join us during Family Weekend.

On-campus [lodging options](#), available to families through the Stone Hotel, do fill up quickly so we recommend that you reserve early. There are also many hotel options available in our surrounding Traverse City community. Returning families, please note that our schedule of events for family weekend will look a little different than it has in the past due to our special guest on campus. The final schedule will be available the first week of the school year.

You'll next hear from me in July with some additional reminders and updates from campus. Have a great summer.

Camille Colapostri

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