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Dear Students and Families,

I'm so excited about your upcoming arrival at Interlochen, and I hope you're excited too!

I'm sharing with you a few important reminders and announcements. First, if you have not completed your required forms, please do so as soon as possible. Our Health Services team must review all health forms before the start of the Academy — please help us by completing these forms now.

Your health and wellness are our top priority, and we offer a range of services to support you, including School Counselors, the Dennison Center for Recreation and Wellness, Health Services, and our Residence Life Staff. In addition to these on-campus resources, I'm excited to announce a new addition to our support systems through a partnership with [Uwill](#). Uwill offers free, immediate access to teletherapy and mental health services. Upon your arrival on campus, you'll have access to a range of tools through Uwill, including the ability to schedule an appointment with a therapist based on your needs and preferences, as well as a 24/7 support line for mental health emergencies.

Returning students, please note: the Uwill teletherapy program will replace our Ulliance teletherapy program. We will continue to partner with HelloHero for nurse practitioner medication management.

These teletherapy and telemedicine programs are part of our continued commitment to your well-being. I look forward to sharing more details about these programs and how to access the services during your first weeks at the Academy.

NEW CLASSROOM FACULTY

We have an incredible group of new faculty joining us this year. Please join me in welcoming our new classroom faculty to Interlochen.

Academics

- **Abigail Chapman**, Instructor of Chemistry and Biology

Creative Writing

- **Julia Cannon**, Writer in Residence
- **Emmet Knowlton**, Visiting Instructor of Creative Writing

Dance

- **Angelique Scully**, Dance Accompanist Intern

Film & New Media

- **Elizabeth Kaiser**, Film Editor and Instructor

Music

- **Andrew Bishop**, Visiting Instructor of Saxophone
- **Marcellus Brown**, Guest Conductor of Wind Symphony
- **Ty Chiko**, Instructor of Voice and Director of Vocal Music
- **Christopher Goodpasture**, Instructor of Piano
- **Daniel Gurevich**, Instructor of Oboe
- **Ritchie Hawley**, Visiting Instructor of Clarinet
- **Tim McAllister**, Visiting Instructor of Saxophone
- **Beth Peterson**, Guest Conductor of Wind Symphony
- **Steve Peterson**, Guest Conductor of Wind Symphony
- **Bryn Roberts**, Instructor of Jazz Piano

Theatre

- **Matt Salvo**, Musical Theatre - Music Director
- **Jim Van Slyke**, Ferrante Family Musical Theatre Voice Chair (new position)

IMPORTANT: COMPLETE YOUR REQUIRED FORMS

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.

Important To-Dos:

As a reminder, please be sure to:

1. Complete your Health Forms ASAP ([Education Community](#))
 2. Begin checking your interlochen.org email account regularly (for help, email wecanhelp@interlochen.org)
 3. Review our [Preparing for Academy webpage](#)
 4. Read your Program Letter ([Education Community](#))
 5. Read our community-read book: [Sunrise Nights](#)
 6. Review the [Student Handbook](#)
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Reminders

INTERLOCHEN.ORG CAMPUS EMAIL ADDRESS

Please begin regularly checking your interlochen.org campus email address. We will begin communicating with you using this address. If you have not received your email login information, or need assistance, please contact our Help Desk at wecanhelp@interlochen.org

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

Opening weekend schedule highlights are included below

- Please see the [full schedule](#) for more details.

For our International and 9th/new 10th-grade students, please see your special onboarding schedules:

- [9th/New 10th-Grade - onboarding schedule](#)
- [International Students - onboarding schedule](#)

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
- **8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** | 9th and new 10th-grade orientation (Required of all 9th and new 10th-grade students)
- **8:45 a.m. - 4:30 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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- Classes begin!

For Families

INTERLOCHEN HOMESTAY PROGRAM - HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

We are seeking school break host families for international students whose travel plans are impacted due to their families' geographic locations and/or travel restrictions. Families and members of the Interlochen community interested in hosting a student are encouraged to [apply here](#). This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know a student from another country and show them your local area. New to hosting? [Read these tips for a great hosting experience](#). All adults in the home will be required to be signed up as Interlochen volunteers and complete the background check process. Please send any questions to International Student Services Manager [Kalyn Rabuse](#).

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 interested in learning more about teens, we highly recommend 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*. She 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.

Planning Ahead

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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

Have a great week.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Camille Colatosti". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Camille" and last name "Colatosti" clearly legible.

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