



US Class Dean Update

September 16, 2026

To the families of the Class of 2028,

Junior year! The response to that statement usually varies from “How did we get here?” and “Where did the time go?” to “What a stressful year” and “There’s so much to do!” While I definitely align with every one of those sentiments, I am also deeply excited to see this group of exceptional young people navigate life as upperclassmen here at D-E. Both the junior and senior classes set the tone for our student culture, and the Class of 2028 has already done so much trailblazing that I cannot wait to see what they accomplish as they continue to come into their own. Before joining D-E, I spent seven years as an 11th-grade teacher and advisor. So, while this role brings new responsibilities, the territory has a warm familiarity that keeps me eagerly anticipating the weeks and months ahead.

Although it has only been one week (I know, how is that possible?), we have hit the ground running, and so much is already happening. I wanted to take this moment to reconnect, say hello, welcome you back, and share details about our upcoming fall events. As always, please reach out if you have any questions! I am always happy to follow up.

11th Grade Fall Trip

Next Friday, September 25, we will be visiting the [9/11 Memorial & Museum](#), followed by a [Circle Line Sightseeing Cruise](#) to the Statue of Liberty.

Trip Itinerary:

- **8:30 AM:** Depart D-E
- **10:00 – 11:30 AM:** Self-guided tour through the museum
- **12:15 PM:** Board cruise
- **2:00 PM:** Head back to D-E

Arrival & Departure Permission: If you would like to give your child permission to meet us at the museum, leave directly from the boat, or both, please email both me and your child's advisor. In your email, please specify which option(s) you are approving. Students meeting us in NYC must arrive at the museum no later than 9:45 AM.

Lunch: Students will receive a lunch voucher for the boat. They have been sent a Google Form to select their lunch options, which must be completed by the end of the day tomorrow. We will also hold a class meeting prior to the trip to review final logistics with the students.

Looking Ahead:

- **Back-to-School Night:** Thursday, October 1, starting at 6:30 PM.
 - This event offers families the chance to learn more about your student's classes, meet the teachers who will be working closely with them, and reconnect with fellow D-E families. I look forward to seeing many of you there!
- **11th-Grade Parent Forum:** Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00 PM.
 - This program provides an opportunity to connect with me and fellow families, as well as to gain insight into what lies ahead in the coming months.

A friendly reminder:

- I also wanted to share a brief note that I discussed with the students during our opening meeting. During junior year, as students experience an increase in freedom and independence, there are a few campus-wide rules that become more tempting to disregard—primarily parking on campus and leaving early. Both of these are reserved exclusively as senior privileges, so please encourage your student to follow these expectations now, knowing they will get to fully enjoy these perks next year! As a reminder, if your student ever needs to leave campus early for an appointment or commitment, please continue to sign them out through SchoolPass so our office stays informed.

Thank you as always for your partnership. At this point, we are officially halfway through this high school journey, and I could not be more excited for the year ahead with the wonderful Class of 2028!

Best,

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Dean, Class of 2028