



## US Class Dean Update

September 2026

Dear 9th grade families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 academic year; the year in which your child starts their high school journey. A very special welcome to those of you who are new to the D-E community!

My name is Mrs. Petra van't Slot, known by most students as Ms. V. It is my honor to introduce myself to you as the Dean of the Class of 2030. This year will be my 5th year at D-E as a Science teacher, and my first year as a Dean. My family and I arrived in the United States 17 years ago, and my accent will quickly tell you that I am a native of the Netherlands. My experience teaching science in schools across various countries and states has shown me that for students to learn well and thrive, they require solid support systems, as well as clear alignment between their home and school environments. I am looking forward to contributing to that in my role as your child's Dean. It is my hope and my goal that each 9th grader will soon find their place and their people within our larger community.

Communication with me works best through email. Any emails that necessitate a quick response, and that are sent before 7pm on weekdays may well receive a response that same day.

You can expect a Dean's memo about once a month, unless special circumstances or events warrant extra communication. On that note - you are all invited to the 9th grade parent orientation on **Wednesday September 9 from 7-9 pm.**

In my time at D-E, I've come to know the school as a vibrant, diverse community and I'm excited to welcome you and your children into that community. I am also looking forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Kind regards,

**Petra van't Slot**