



US Class Dean Update

September 22, 2026

Good morning,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. This week is a short one, but I want to make sure we are all on the same page, so here are important reminders for this week.

Field Trip - Apple Picking

Friday, the class is headed to [Apple Ridge Orchards](#). Buses will leave campus at 8:45am and return to school by 2pm, so you will be back in time for sports practices/games, riding the bus, and/or meeting with your college counselor.

FAQ's about Friday

- [Box lunches will be provided](#), so please remember to fill out your lunch preference [here](#) **TODAY**. Chef Alex needs to order and prepare lunches for multiple field trips on Friday, so we can't wait until the last minute.
- [The field trip day is a regular school day and attendance is expected.](#)
- [If you have a scheduled college visit, you need to complete a Planned Absence form](#) and have it signed by me and your college counselor. Once this is complete, the absence will count as one of the four (4) Excused College Visit absences allowed for seniors.
- [If you will be absent for any reason, a parent must reach out](#) to Ms. Carsten's-Potts or enter the absence into School Pass. Unless the absence is for illness or last minute, we ask that parents reach out as soon as possible. We are renting buses and allocating resources to the trip, so we need to know how many students will actually attend.

ADD/Change period - Ends September 24

Thursday is the last day to ADD/Change a course while keeping your course load consistent. As of Friday, your courses for Semester 1 and all year-long courses will be set, and sent off to the colleges you are applying to. If you are using this week's assessments to decide whether or not to remain in a class, please keep this in mind and make sure that you have spoken with your college counselor about your options and any changes that you are considering. I must have all ADD/Change request by the end of the academic day on Thursday, September 24 - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Parking

Please make sure that you are displaying your parking pass and parking in your designated lot. Remember, if you are driving a different car that listed on your parking application, you need to email me with that information ASAP. It is important that we know the car(s) associated with each parking pass.

FAQs about parking

- If you are assigned to general parking and there are no parking spaces available when you arrive, try the valet lot. The valet have a list of all seniors with permission to park on campus. If they can fit you into valet for that day, they will.
- You may not park in any other lot besides valet and the upper lot. All other lot spaces are assigned to faculty and staff. If you park in a different lot, security will reach out to you (and copy me) and you will need to move your car.
- If you want to be placed on the waitlist for parking, make sure you have completed all community service paperwork first, then email me. If/when a parking tag becomes available, I will pull from this list. I am reviewing parking this week, and will reach out to seniors on the list if there is parking available, even if it is just for part of the school year.

That's all for now. Have a wonderful week!

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