



School of the Future

“The future belongs to those who prepare for it.” - Emerson

Letter to SOF Parents

Dear SOF Families,

Welcome back to another great year at School of the Future. We hope you enjoyed your summers and had some time with family, friends, books and whatever else you find restorative. We have been working hard this summer getting ready for your children and are so excited to work with each of them.

The students will be welcomed back to a wonderful new Art Room in the previous Computer Lab. There is beautiful light in this large space and we are looking forward to seeing the students' work grace the walls. The Computer Lab switched with the Art Room and has quite a few new computers. It is a perfect space for even more focused study in Computer Science with Mr. Irimina.

Our other exciting project this summer is the new School of the Future website. A generous donation afforded us the opportunity to work closely with a sophisticated design company. We feel it captures our special community beautifully with wonderful pictures, videos and interviews with our community members. We know it will be a great source of pride, information and public relations for the school community in the years to come. It will be at the same web address. Along with the new website design, we'll have a new school logo complete with hip new t-shirts and hats that we'll have available in September. Stay tuned for the September 3rd website launch!

Finally, we have some wonderful new staff members joining our faculty this year and present teachers making great moves to new positions in the building. We are particularly excited about this new crew and just know they'll fit right in to our wonderful community. They each come to us with multiple years of teaching experience in other schools and beat out many qualified candidates to join the SOF community.

Lindsay Powell will be teaching sixth grade Humanities along with Leah Bragin. They worked together in the past and are already a powerhouse Humanities team.

Matt Steiniger will be teaching sixth grade Science. He has already spent a lot of time setting up his room and getting ready for the sixth grade Scientists!

John Lavigne, who worked with our Theatre Department last year on both *Rumors* and *Guys and Dolls*, will be teaching sixth grade Theatre Movement once a week. This class will be a great complement to the Drama curriculum and a wonderful creative experience.

Rebecca Williams will be teaching ninth grade English. Becca used to work at the highly respected Medgar Evers High School in Brooklyn. She has studied with our colleagues at Teacher's College this summer crafting a strong curriculum.

Catherine Thompson comes to us with seven years of successful teaching experience and

will be teaching ninth grade Global History. We are fortunate to have another experienced and passionate educator join our staff.

Germaine Green and Daniel Mark will be the Special Education powerhouse for the ninth grade working in English and Global History, Math and Biology respectively. They both have strong experience and incredible ideas.

Eva Rediker will be the Special Education teacher working with the tenth grade. Her obvious strong advocacy for young people is what led us to be excited about hiring her. We are really excited to see her in action.

Stephanie Van Duinen will be moving from ninth grade Global Studies to Senior Institute Social Studies, working alongside Jeremy Copeland. The ninth graders loved Ms. V and are excited for the chance to have her again when they become juniors!

Anna Casteen will be moving from ninth grade Special Education to eleventh grade Geometry. Ms. Casteen is that rare Math teacher who holds both a Math undergraduate and Math Teaching graduate degree and we are so excited that she has the chance to get back into the Math classroom and work her magic.

Here is some important logistical information for school opening:

The first day of school is Monday, September 9th.

The Middle School day starts at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m.

The High School day starts at 8:35 and ends at 3:10.

Sixth grade families are welcome to bring their children to school on September 9th and stay with them for an hour.

Students will bring home important paperwork on the first day along with instruction for Class Fees. These forms will also be available on the website for your convenience.

Middle School students will not have out-lunch on the first day, and should bring money for lunch or bring a lunch. Please note that Full Priced lunch will be raised from 1.50 to 1.75 starting on September 13th. Students eligible for reduced price lunch will now receive free lunch along with students eligible for free lunch.

***High School students will have out-lunch on the first three days, September 9th - 11th, and keep it only if their paperwork and class fees are back by Monday, September 16th.

All summer assignments are due on the first day of school.

The supply lists are on the website at www.sof.edu.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer. We look forward to seeing you on September 9th. This will be an exciting year with wonderful experiences in and out of school.

Warmly,

Stacy Goldstein, Principal / Middle School Director
John Fanning, Assistant Principal / High School Director

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