



September, 2020

Dear WSOC Families,

An enthusiastic and warm greeting as we embark on the journey through our new school year!

In ordinary times, this “Welcome Back” letter would be the first time in months that you hear from your school leadership circle. This year, however, we’ve been in dialogue with each other throughout this extraordinary spring and summer, making sure that the threads that hold our community together continue to be supple and strong.

As this letter is reaching our community, we are still in the midst of the global pandemic that is undoubtedly affecting all of us. This year is being experienced differently by each of us, but for certain, it is being experienced profoundly. We need to check in and recalibrate constantly. There are so many unknowns, yet one thing is for sure: All of this is easier to bear and navigate in community. So, let’s make sure we keep checking in with each other, let’s remember to care about and for each other, let’s work through the challenges and celebrate the milestones with each other.

For all of us here at WSOC, the last six months have been marked by an intense focus on adjusting the ways we have traditionally operated to serve the children and families in our community. The challenges are manifold; we are proud and grateful to have brought to life sound plans for addressing and overcoming obstacles – substantial and mundane – so that we may keep providing inspired and inspiring education, for your children and for many years into the future.

As every summer, teachers took time to thoroughly prepare for this year’s curriculum, only this year they had to partake of their courses virtually, in their home offices instead of traveling to teacher training centers across the country. Our Board of Trustees volunteers put in many, many hours this summer to ensure that all our plans and policies were thoroughly looked at and vetted. Our colleagues in the Administration have kept our campus maintained, created professional and polished communications, and even found ways to bring new families into our fold. Last but not least, we will be forever grateful to the Return to School Committee that has dreamed up, tweaked, revised and solidified the roadmap to where we will be in a few short days, welcoming our students back to learning.

Invariably, there will be things we didn’t consider, or best laid plans that just won’t work out. We ask your grace and understanding as we keep working to resolve issues and adjust our approach. For sure, the challenges will continue for some time. But, to quote Robert Frost, “the best way out is always through.”

If you have questions or issues, please drop us a note or call us. We remain as committed as ever to work with each and every family in our community to make sure our fleet stays together.

With all our warmth and in joyful anticipation of welcoming our new and returning students to the 2020-2021 school year,

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