



Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all enjoying the summer! Here at Seneca, we are busy doing all the behind-the-scenes work to get us ready for what I hope will be an inspirational year full of joy, discovery and exploration. Although none of us wants to rush the end of summer, we are looking forward to seeing you and your children on a daily basis again. The school does not feel quite as magical without all of you around!

In preparation for the new school year, we wanted to share with you some key pieces of information. First, information about the Meet and Greets is included in the letters from your teachers (see link below), and you should be hearing shortly from Jen Landoll, our fearless SAPA President, about the Summer Socials. You will also receive information via email at the beginning of August about logging on to the parent portal on our website.

To find your teacher's welcome letter, school supply list, and other Back-to-School information, please visit: <https://www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school/>.

In addition, we want to highlight a few calendar items so that you can begin to save the dates.

1. The Elementary Meet and Greet on **Tuesday, August 27th begins at 9:00 am.**
2. Back to School Night will be on **Thursday, September 19th from 6:30-8:30pm.**
3. In addition to Back to School Night, Carol Schnatz (our Educational Director) and I will be offering "What to Expect..." sessions for parents of K/1st, 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th graders. These sessions will be approximately 1 hour long and will focus on providing a developmental framework for children of those ages, insights about what you might expect to see in those years, and some specific parenting pointers with time to discuss your questions.

The dates for those sessions are as follows:

- a. **4th /5th – Friday, October 11th at 8:45 am following Parent Visit Days** (will also include guidance about outplacement).
- b. **K /1st – Thursday, October 3rd at 8:30 am**
- c. **2nd /3rd – Friday October 16th at 8:30 am.**

Finally, a few reminders:

1. **Kindergarten parents:** Please remember that ALL rising Kindergartners need the Health Inventory and Immunization form filled out by their doctor. (This includes



children who attended Seneca Academy Pre-K.) Forms can be found on our Back to School page.

2. **3rd Grade parents:** Please remember that you must submit an updated Emergency Form and Student Information Form for your rising 3rd grader. (These can also be found on the Back to School page.)
3. **Parent Volunteer Forms:** If you are a **parent of a new student**, or **DID NOT submit a form last year and plan to volunteer in the school or on a field trip**, please see the letter regarding background check waivers for ALL parent volunteers on the Back to School page of our website. As the letter states, doing background checks on all of our parent volunteers is consistent with our "Safety First" philosophy and with best practices in maintaining safety in schools.

Until we see each other, I hope that you continue to take the time to enjoy and treasure this summer with your children. Be mindful of the preciousness of the experiences and memories created in the downtime of summer, but know that an exciting adventure lies ahead for them in the new school year. I look forward to seeing all of you in August!

In friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Parker", followed by a horizontal line.

Dr. Michelle Parker

Head of School