



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2021

Welcome to Grade 5 at Seneca Academy! We are excited to begin another year at Seneca Academy and look forward to having your child in class. We know this will be a year of learning, growth, friendship-building, and discovery. We cannot wait to get started!

Your child's teacher looks forward to meeting you at the Parent Before-School Conference on **Monday, August 30**. During this time together, we will begin the process of cultivating a parent-teacher partnership. Your child's teacher will share information regarding your child's first day, carpool drop-off, and the upcoming school year that are important to know before our Back-to-School Night in September. In addition, this will be an important opportunity for you to ask questions and share information about your child with your child's teacher (interests, goals, concerns, insights, etc.). Although the school prefers for conferences to take place in person, remote conferencing will be available for anyone who cannot meet on campus. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

Your child's first day of school is on **Tuesday, August 31**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., with carpool drop-off starting at 8:15 a.m. During this meet-and-greet opportunity for students, we will have a variety of activities throughout the morning to acclimate your child to a new classroom community. Prior to our noon dismissal, teachers and students will have a bring-your-own-bag lunch picnic together in the backyard.

The first full day of school will be **Wednesday, September 1**, with carpool starting at 8:15 a.m. Please begin sending in a snack that is quick to eat (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bars, or cheese stick) and a lunch. We ask that students bring TWO reusable water bottles each day in order to decrease the need for refills. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

The fifth grade supply list is available at www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school. Please bring these supplies to the Before-School Conference on August 30 in a bag with your child's name on it. In addition, students will need the following **labeled** with their name:

- Backpack or tote bag (non-rolling, washable, and large enough to carry a lunch box and a folder)
- Lunch box or bento box (one that can open flat and/or be directly eaten out of by students is easiest to use)
- Art smock (an old adult shirt with the sleeves cut works well)
- Reusable water bottles, two recommended (filled daily)
- Reusable masks/face coverings, at least two recommended (pending public health regulations)

For summer reading, students are required to read *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper (please note correction from earlier letter). Please encourage your child to read all summer long!

SAPA will be sending out more information later in the summer about a Summer Social for fifth grade students and their families. SAPA is also sponsoring used uniform sales on the Seneca Academy campus from 2 – 5 p.m. on **Friday, July 16**, and **Monday, July 26**.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon.