



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2024

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 optional Before-School Conference on **Monday, August 26**. 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 parents 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. Sign-ups for this optional conference will be sent out in August. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

Your child's first day of school is on **Tuesday, August 27**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 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. Please send in a morning snack (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bar, or cheese stick) and lunch each day, as well as a reusable water bottle that may be refilled while at school. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

The first full day of school will be **Wednesday, August 28**, with carpool starting at 8:15 a.m. Dismissal is between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m.

Used uniforms will be available for sale on campus on **Saturday, July 20**, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. There will also be a summer social for all elementary students and their families on **Friday, August 23**, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. SAPA will be sending out invitations soon, so keep an eye out for it in your inbox!

The fifth-grade supply list is available at www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school. You may drop off these supplies in a bag with your child's name on it during the summer social, bring them to the before-school conference on August 26 if you choose to have one, or simply bring them with you to the first day of school.

For summer reading, students have a choice of reading any one of three books: *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, *Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk, and *An Elephant in the Garden* by Michael Morpurgo. Of course, if your child would like to read more than one of these books, they're welcome to do so! Our discussion of these books will lead into our first Unit of Inquiry. Please encourage your student to read all summer long!

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon!