



August 2022

Dear Japhet School Parents,

Welcome to our 2022-2023 school year! It was in 1973 that a group of parents united together to form the beginning of Japhet School. As we celebrate our 50th year in 2023, I'm grateful that you and your children are part of our Japhet family. It's been a very active summer, reorganizing our school space and classrooms to best meet the needs of our students and strengthening our curriculum. Faculty and staff have been actively preparing for our students' arrival, and we look forward to learning about their summer activities and experiences. The same student arrival and dismissal procedures will be in place ~ parents will walk their children to the front door of the school and will be greeted by staff members who will direct them to their classrooms. The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff continues to be top priority. Please take time to familiarize yourself with all written communications from administration and teachers so you are able to stay current on information. This will ensure that we build a strong partnership and work toward our common goal providing an enriching education in a safe and healthy environment.

To those new to Japhet School, the entire school community welcomes you and your family! On Thursday, September 1, from 4:00-6:00 PM, all families are invited to attend our Meet and Greet event. Families will be able to tour the building and meet with teachers in their classrooms. ***Japhet's mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program.*** The character qualities for this year are reliability, judgment, patriotism, joy, industry, humility, peace, thrift, and personal habits.

*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character -- that is the goal of true education."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."* Albert Einstein

The attached documents provide important information for starting the 2022-2023 school year. I'm pleased to announce that Erica McCool will be joining our faculty and will provide classroom and resource support as well as teach Middle School math. Erica and husband Kevin are parents of Lower Elementary students Hank and Jack. I'm in the process of filling the position of Spanish teacher. I look forward to sharing with you the good news when this is finalized. In this email you will find final registration forms. The **Child Information Form** along with other forms are included in this communication ~ thank you for returning all forms promptly! The **TPA** and **Credit Card Authorization Form** was emailed to you by Accounting Manager, Penny Witt. **The first payment is due August 15. All other forms are due Wednesday, August 31.**

As your Head of School, I look forward to another exciting school year and anticipate many new and exciting educational opportunities! I look forward to meeting each one of you and working together towards the goal of your child(ren)'s progress and success. Your comments and questions are important. Please take time to contact me if needed.

Indeed, I'm grateful for your commitment to Japhet School and your partnership in education.

Sincerely,

Kerri G. Vizena  
Head of School