



August 2024

Dear Japhet School Parents,

Welcome to our 2024-2025 school year! I'm thrilled to open our doors on Wednesday, September 4 to students! It's been a very active summer, reorganizing our school space and classrooms to best meet the needs of our students, strengthening our curriculum, and providing the very best learning environment. Procedures for student arrivals will remain the same ~ after parking, parents will walk their children to the front door where they will be greeted by me or another staff member who will direct them to their classrooms. The atmosphere of the learning environment, including 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 to provide an enriching educational experience in a safe and healthy environment.

To those new to Japhet School, the entire school community welcomes you and your family to an enriching school environment. On Thursday, August 29 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.*** This year's Character Qualities are: Reliability, Judgment, Patriotism, Joy, Industry, Humility, Peace, Thrift, and Personal Habits.

I'm pleased to announce Maddy Grunow will be joining the faculty as Art Teacher ( JK/Kindergarten ~ 8th grade) and as Marketing & Design Specialist. As a Japhet alum, Ms. Grunow will be an exceptional addition to the faculty, bringing her love of learning and her love of Japhet School to her positions.

*"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 2024-2025 school year. The **Child Information Form** was already emailed to you ~ thank you for returning it promptly and in typed form. The **TPA and Credit Card Authorization Form** was emailed to you by Accounting Manager, Penny Witt. **The first payment and all forms are due Thursday, August 15.**

As I begin my 7th year as 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. Indeed, I'm grateful for your commitment to Japhet School and your partnership in education. My door is always open, your questions and comments are always welcome, and please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kerri G. Vizena  
Head of School