



Welcome Laurel School Community to the 2022 – 23 School Year!

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer season and enjoyed the beautiful weather with your families!

We are very excited to welcome all of our returning families back to Laurel as well as embracing our new students and their families to our community!

Over the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, our community faced significant challenges but we reimagined our school acclimating our environment for the health and safety of our students and families. We realized that within these experiences, we have gained knowledge and have learned to focus on the positive aspects as we move forward and reconnect in the upcoming school year.

This year, we are reconnecting and expanding our programming to continue to reflect our mission and philosophy, reconnecting our community, students and faculty as well as keeping health and safety as our priority.

The exploration of learning in our outdoor spaces will continue and a significant change will be welcoming families back into our school space. We have redesigned our pick up and drop off policies this year, piloted by our summer camp program for the 2022 season.

During our morning drop off, families will continue to drop students off at our front door and administrators, as well as teachers, will assist in student transitions. The reasoning behind this change came out of our pandemic years as we discovered students acclimating to the school day in a different way, transforming the start of the school day. We understand that dropping off your student at the door can be difficult at times, especially for our new students and families, but we have wonderful articles located on our website to assist families during these transition times.

In the afternoon, families will be welcomed into the building to pick up students and greet faculty members each day. This will be a time for families to briefly connect with faculty, but in the instance that any complex conversations need to take place, please connect with your child's teacher for a more appropriate time for a discussion as faculty members will still be in direct care.

Our family handbook will outline details of our policies and procedures for the upcoming school year that will be distributed prior to our Family Orientation Picnic. We are excited to have this tradition return giving families an opportunity to connect with faculty, families, students and administrators. Please refer to our newsletter for more information about Family Orientation and we look forward to celebrating this year of reconnection with our community!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Orientation Family Picnic and if you are unable to make it, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions!

Best Regards,
Amy E. Carroll
Head of School