



WELCOME TO 2018-19

AUGUST 2018

DEAR LATIN PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

It's hard to believe that it has been more than eight weeks since we celebrated commencement exercises for the Class of 2018, marking the official end of the last school year. The past couple of months have been busy with summer school, special programs in the building, staff members taking on new responsibilities and working on lots of different projects.

I hope you are as excited as we are to welcome a new school year. We will get started informally on the afternoon of Sunday, August 19th with our annual beginning of the year gathering in the gym, sponsored by the Parent-Faculty Association (PFA). Our fifth-grade orientation, for students and their family members, will take place on Tuesday, August 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A similar orientation for ninth graders, but only for those students who are new to Latin, will be from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Parents will have the chance to meet one-on-one with their children's advisors on Wednesday, August 22nd. We strongly encourage you to sign up for a meeting slot if you have not yet done so by completing [the online form](#), found on the parents' home page (latinpcs.org/parents). And, the first day of classes is Thursday, August 23rd. Take note of other key dates in the school calendar included in this packet.

Please be sure to add the headofschool@latinpcs.org email to your address book so that you do not miss important messages from the school. We communicate primarily via email and text messages. Each Friday (or the last day of the week before we break), we distribute via email our *Legenda* newsletters. We strongly encourage you to read the information conveyed to you. Also, on the evening before the start of each school week, watch out for a text and e-mail digest of upcoming events in *De Facto*, which is Latin for "about the event."

In thinking about your role in the success of your child(ren) this year, I ask you to consider the following: (1) Be present and involved. Attend meetings. Volunteer – we can use you in our athletic program, in the library, in classrooms or in our fundraising efforts. Share your expertise. Participate in one of our mentoring efforts. (2) Be open. Be willing to listen to "different" ideas. Communicate with us about what's going on in your child's life. Use other parents as resources. (3) Be positive. Give us the benefit of the doubt. If you hear something that does not "seem right," check in with us. Be optimistic. Think about how we can work together and what we can do collaboratively to "make things right."

Some other quick reminders: Remember that your child needs to be at school on time every day. Please let us know if you need our help with this. Unless there is an explicitly stated exception, your child needs to be in uniform every day. Please assist us with meeting that expectation. And, kindly, update us ASAP with any changes to your contact information.

We are looking forward to continuing some initiatives this year like our Parent-Faculty Social, Fall Festival, Multicultural Night and monthly “Chat and Chew” sessions with the Head of School. We also plan to launch some new efforts like parent book clubs, parent-to-parent mentoring, a speaker series and more. Please watch for more information on this.

Thank you for trusting us to be your partners this year. With belief, love, commitment, and passion – there is no limit to what we can do together.

Warmest regards,



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