

DENVER SCHOOL *of the* ARTS

From the Office of the Principal

October 15, 2018

Dear DSA Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the fall season and the month of October is at the mid-point. Important in the month of October is the close of our first grading period on October 18th and Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 19th and 23rd. These conferences are an opportunity to review your child's progress, both academically and socially. These conferences also allow you to have time to check in on classes in which your child might be struggling or showing frustration. Remember, the link for parents to sign up for conferences is <http://dsa.schoolappointments.com>. Again, the online system will allow you to register and set up appointments through tomorrow, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. This information and instructions for using the website are posted on our school's website.

The DSA School Leadership Team developed dates on the DSA master calendar to help alleviate stress on our students at the end of quarters. These are designated as Midterm Mindfulness Days.

The guidelines for these designated days are as follows:

DSA Academic teacher are not to assign homework, projects, or assignments on the days listed below other than in class work and assignments done during a class period. In addition, there are to be no assignments due or assigned on the following days:

- October 12th – 18th (assignments can be given on October 18th to be due the week of October 22nd)

Families are reminded that on Friday, October 19, Monday, October 22, and Tuesday, October 23 there are no classes for students. Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on October 19th and 23rd, and staff members are in district professional development sessions all day on Monday, October 22nd. Wednesday, October 24th is a black day on the 8th grade/ high school schedule, Thursday, October 25th is a white day on the 8th grade/ high school schedule, and Friday, October 26th is a stripe day with tutoring in the morning.

Winter weather is just around the corner. If the district is closed due to emergency reasons, such as snowstorms or other events, the central district phone center message will be updated daily by 5 a.m. The phone number is 720-423-3200. You may log on to the district website at <http://www.dpsk12.org> for updated district closure information or listen to your local TV or radio stations for updated information.

In the coming weeks almost, every major has a scheduled event. I sincerely hope you will take the opportunity to attend one of these amazing events.

Sincerely,



William M. Kohut,
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