

## Dear New Parents,

We are excited to have your family join our community at the American School of Paris. Your child will be received by a nurturing group of educators who are dedicated to each student's personal and academic growth.

Our Middle School Counselor, Anthony Suzzi Valli has put together some helpful information to ease your transition and answer your questions.

### **ELECTIVE CLASSES**

On the [ASP website](#), under Middle School “Starting School” you will find lots of information on the school including supplies list, expectations and most importantly, right now, the “[6th Grade Elective Request Form](#)” or the “[7th and 8th Grade Elective Request Form](#)”. We need this sheet to be completed and submitted as soon as possible. Completing this form gives you the best chance of getting into the elective classes you most want.

### **ORIENTATION**

We have a great New Student Orientation Program on Monday, August 26th from 9:00 AM -12:30 PM to help you learn about the Middle School. At the orientation you will meet your teachers, as well as an “ambassador”, someone in your child's grade that will help them the first few weeks of school. Your child will also tour the middle school!

### **EAL PLACEMENT TESTING:**

#### ***Only for students receiving English Language Support***

All EAL students will be assessed on their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to guarantee the correct level of support that is offered throughout the year. This testing will take place from 1:00 to 3:30 PM on Monday, August 26th.

### **SUPPLIES AND SUMMER READING**

Please make sure to get all the necessary supplies to start school prepared. You can find the supplies [list here](#). In addition, please make sure to check out our summer reading requirements listed [here](#).



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## ADVISORY

This is a small group of 12-15 students in your child's grade, who they will get to know very well. The Advisory teacher will be one of the core subject teachers and will meet with your child on August 26th during the Orientation Day. The advisory does lots of activities together including discussing how to be a responsible and respectful person.

## HOW WILL MY CHILD MAKE FRIENDS?

ASP is a very welcoming environment! There are lots of students who move in and out of the school and the students are very accustomed to new students and making friends quickly. This August we have over 35 new students joining us!

One way your child can make friends is by joining some of our clubs or sports programs. We will give you more information about those programs on Orientation Day and during Advisory, but if you want to look to see what we have available, please click on this [link](#) for clubs, sports and after school activities.

## OUTWARD BOUND TRIPS

You will be participating in our Outward Bound trips in September! As such, you may want to review the packing/supply list before your move. You can find here the list for [Grade 6](#), [Grade 7](#) and then [Grade 8](#).

More information about this trip and program will be coming shortly from Ms. Tricia.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM. Your child will reunite with their ambassador and go straight to Advisory at 8:45 AM. From here your teachers will acquaint you with the schedule for the first week of school.

Please let us know if you have any questions. In the meantime, enjoy your holidays and have a safe journey to Paris.

See you soon!

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