



August 2017

Dear Maugham School Parents,

Welcome to another exciting year at Maugham School! We are thrilled to see you and your children in just a few short weeks. It is my hope that this letter finds everyone relaxed and rejuvenated after an enjoyable summer filled with exploration and adventure. My family and I traveled to Italy this summer. After all the years of experiencing Italy through the eyes of our 1st graders, I needed to go and see all the sights myself. It was my first time traveling to Italy and I can say that 10 days was not nearly enough. What a gorgeous country immersed in so much history! We are also trying out a “Glamping” experience in Lake George as well with a little bit of white water rafting and adventure courses. I hope that we will survive. September 5th is rapidly approaching and we are all anticipating another wonderful year at Maugham.

Whether you are returning parents or new parents, please accept my warmest welcome to Maugham School. When the 2017-2018 school year begins, there will be 20 classrooms and approximately 400 students at Maugham School.

On Friday, August 25th at 9 am you will be able to log onto the Genesis Parent Portal to get your child’s class placement. It is very important to note that you will not be able to see the homeroom teacher information unless you have completed the online parent permission forms. Also, if any of your contact information has changed please update your contact information. You must complete these forms first before Genesis will give you access to the name. When you log onto Genesis, you most likely will have to reset your password. Look for an email a few days before from Administrator- information will be provided for logging on. Be careful when entering your password so that you don’t lock yourself out of Genesis. I believe if you enter the wrong password 3 times, you will lock yourself out.

When you arrive you’ll notice that we have been busy preparing the school building to accommodate our students in September. The Building and Grounds Department as well as our own custodians have worked hard cleaning spaces, refinishing floors, assembling furniture, putting in new floors, painting every classroom and generally refurbishing the space to serve the students and adults in the building in the best possible manner. We thank Mr. Thomas Lepore, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, and his team as well as our custodians, Mr. Roman Gorelov, Mr. Chris McDonnell, Mr. Tim Sharkey and our summer help, as well as Mrs. Walsh, our School Secretary for their hard work during this summer to bring all our summer projects to completion.

Those among you who are familiar with Maugham school know that Maugham educators care a great deal about students’ social/ emotional development, and their various cultural backgrounds, as much as they do about academic success. We also believe in integrating the arts and the riches of our various cultures into the core program. Teachers make every effort to help students gain a sense of belonging, significance, and fun in their classroom and school community. This year we aim not

only to achieve high academic standards through each individual's strong sense of ownership in the community, but to actively pursue the idea that community is important and each student's positive participation in that community is essential. This year we will also continue to promote making healthy choices with our school's Health and Wellness Committee's help. We will continue with our birthday celebrations without food. Last year was very successful and kids had a great time having an extra recess, a dance party, a book read or a fun activity in celebration of their birthday. Please ask your child's teacher for more specifics.

We will continue with the philosophy based on the three simple rules coined by Margaret Wheatley that serve as overarching themes for all behaviors and decisions at the school:

Take care of yourself
Take care of each other
Take care of this place

We recognize that our greatest asset is our student body. Our hope is that your children will develop and maintain confidence in themselves as learners and valued participants in this community. We anticipate that they will grow to be happy and productive citizens who are able to work with others and look beyond themselves. Most of all, we are optimistic that we can accomplish this by continuing to establish an environment for learning that promotes cooperation, caring and communication.

Classroom Assignments: 2017-2018

Grade	Room	Teacher		Grade	Room	Teacher
Kdg	206	Ms. Cusack		3 rd	123	Mrs. Keomurjian
Kdg	212	Ms. Hunt		3 rd	120	Mrs. Langford
Kdg	208	Mrs. Winfield		3 rd	113	Ms. Zodda
1 st	201	Mrs. Bross		4 th	103	Ms. Meehan
1 st	203	Mrs. Brown		4 th	111	Ms. Breakfield
1 st	209	Mrs. Cimler		4 th	105	Mrs. Wicker
2 nd	100	Mrs. St. John		5 th	102	Mr. Bernaldo-Antonelli
2 nd	213	Ms. Blagdon		5 th	104	Mrs. Farrell
2 nd	211	Ms. Yoon		5 th	109	Mrs. Smith
Paws	Paws	Ms. Ray		3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	122	Mrs. Mizimakoski

School will begin on Tuesday, September 5th, school hours will be from 8:30 AM-3:10 PM.

Kindergarten Parents – Very Important
Kindergarten Classes will have half-day sessions from Tuesday, September 5th, 8:30-12:10 PM through Friday, September 15th. First full day for kindergarteners will be Monday, September 18th.

With Best Wishes for a Rewarding School Year,

Mrs. Jennifer Ferrara
Principal