

Dear Dobbs Ferry Community,



Today is the last day of “classes” for our seniors and it’s hard to believe we’re already talking about prom and graduation. While these students head off on their high school senior internships and are thinking about their next “chapter,” our faculty and students (K-11) are still intently focused on teaching and learning for the remaining weeks of school.

On Tuesday, May 16th, we will ask the community to vote on the school budget and choose two candidates to serve on the Board of Education. Voter Registration is Monday, May 8th in the High School gym foyer (3:30 PM -7:30 PM) for Dobbs Ferry School District residents ages 18 or older. You will shortly be receiving the 2023-2024 Budget Newsletter in the mail, but should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Dr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations. You can also click on the District Budget tab on the top bar of the website for more detailed information.

Earlier this month, the District introduced a new communications resource on our website called **#DFSDinfo**. Please see the icon in the Quick Links column on the left. Here you will find questions that we have been asked or made aware of and believe that the answers would be beneficial for everyone. Each week we try to post a new round of Q&As and notify families and the community via our Facebook page of these postings. Please take a look and check back regularly for new information and follow our Dobbs Ferry School District Facebook page to “Stay in the Know.”

Presently, there are so many spring activities taking place both on and off campus that it’s hard to list them all. We are thankful that we can once again schedule some amazing class field trips for students, that have a direct connection to their courses of study. In the Middle School, the 6th grade is off to iFly, where students will engage in STEM-related activities that support our 6th grade science curriculum. Students will study the principles of lift and wind velocity and they will experience two flights in the iFly wind tunnel.

The 7th grade is going to see the Broadway Musical *Hamilton* and are also preparing for a Boundless Adventures experience, intended to develop our students’ ability to work collaboratively through team building activities. The 8th grade will visit the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park City in Manhattan. It is a living memorial to those murdered in the Holocaust. On May 10th, 8th graders will be hosting the MYP Community Project Exhibition. The Exhibition showcases their student-centered year-long research on topics covering Mental Health, Environmental Pollution, Alzheimer’s, Endangered Animals, Homelessness, Mindfulness, Coral Reefs and much more.

Stay tuned for additional spring happenings, concerts, athletic events and announcements especially concerning where we are in the search process for the next Springhurst Principal. I know that I am personally looking forward to attending my first Senior Springhurst Day, when our soon-to-be graduates don their caps and gowns to re-visit where it all started as our K-5 elementary school students cheer them on. What a great Dobbs Ferry tradition! On that note, I hope we have some sunny weather in the upcoming weeks so we all can enjoy the remaining school days.

Sincerely,

Ken Slentz
Superintendent