

Grade 9 Parent Orientation



Brian Yager

Head of School



Paul Barsky

Upper School Head



9th Grade Experience

- What makes this year so special?
- School, student, and parent partnership
- What do we hope for from you?
- What you can expect from us?



Support Systems

- Counselors
- Learning Specialist
- Advisor
- Assistant Head of Upper School
- Dean of Students
- Class Dean
- Nurse



COVID-19 As We Start the Year

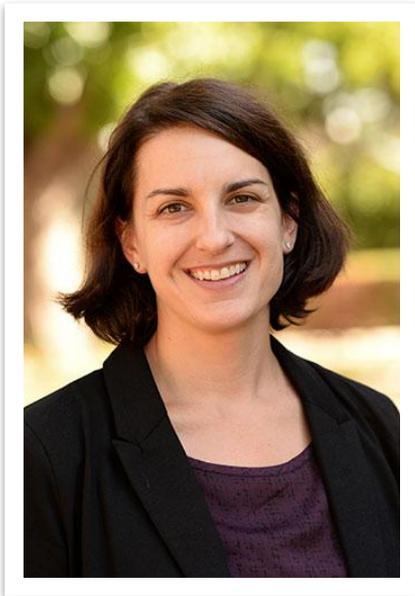
- Vaccination rates are very high schoolwide
- Rapid tests are easy to get and very accurate
- Nurses will test students who have symptoms of COVID-19



What If the Test is Positive?

- Mandatory five days of isolation.
- Counting starts with Day 0: the day symptom(s) began or the day of the positive test (whichever came first).
- Students may return without further testing on Day 6 if:
 - symptoms are resolving
 - they are fever-free for 24 hours
 - feeling well enough to participate in learning
- Masks must be worn on Days 6-10

Introductions



Kelly Horan
Assistant Upper School Head



Kevin Williamson
Dean of Students



Jeanette Fernandez
Grade 9 Class Dean

A Day in the Life

- School Day: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 - Campus Hours: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Classes
- Office Hours
- After-school Life
 - Sports
 - Friends
 - Library



A Schedule	B Schedule	C Schedule	D Schedule	Collaboration Schedule
<p>Period 1 8:00 AM - 9:25 AM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 9:25-9:35 AM</p> <p>Period 2 9:35 AM - 11:00 AM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 11:00-11:10 AM</p> <p>Class Mtg Lunch 11:10 AM - 11:55 AM Passing 11:55 AM -12:00 PM</p> <p>Period 3 12:00 PM - 1:25 PM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 1:25-1:35 PM</p> <p>Period 4 1:35 PM - 3:00 PM 85 Minutes</p> <p>See Collaboration Schedule</p>	<p>Period 5 8:00 AM - 9:25 AM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 9:25 - 9:35 AM</p> <p>School Meeting 9:35-10:05 AM 30 Minutes Passing 10:05-10:10 AM</p> <p>Office Hours 10:10-10:40 AM 30 Minutes Passing 10:40-10:50 AM</p> <p>Period 6 10:50 AM - 12:15 PM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 12:15-12:20 PM</p> <p>Lunch 12:20 PM - 1:30 PM 70 minutes</p> <p>Passing 1:30-1:35 PM</p> <p>Period 7 1:35 PM - 3:00 PM 85 Minutes</p> <p>See Collaboration Schedule</p>	<p>Period 1 8:00 AM - 9:25 AM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 9:25-9:35 AM</p> <p>Period 4 9:35 AM - 11:00 AM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 11:00-11:10 AM</p> <p>Class Mtg Lunch 11:10 AM - 11:55 AM Passing 11:55 AM -12:00 PM</p> <p>Period 2 12:00 PM - 1:25 PM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 1:25-1:35 PM</p> <p>Period 3 1:35 PM - 3:00 PM 85 Minutes</p> <p>See Collaboration Schedule</p>	<p>Period 5 8:00 AM - 9:25 AM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 9:25 - 9:35 AM</p> <p>Advisory 9:35-10:05 AM 30 Minutes Passing 10:05-10:10 AM</p> <p>Office Hours 10:10-10:40 AM 30 Minutes Passing 10:40-10:50 AM</p> <p>Period 7 10:50 AM - 12:15 PM 85 Minutes</p> <p>Passing 12:15-12:20 PM</p> <p>Lunch 12:20 PM - 1:30 PM 70 minutes</p> <p>Club Leadership Passing 1:30-1:35 PM</p> <p>Period 6 1:35 PM - 3:00 PM 85 Minutes</p> <p>See Collaboration Schedule</p>	<p>Monday Office Hours 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM</p> <p>Tuesday Office Hours 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM College Counseling 3:10 PM - 3:55 PM</p> <p>Wednesday Faculty Meetings 3:10 PM - 4:30 PM</p> <p>Thursday Office Hours 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM</p> <p>Friday No after-school academic commitments.</p>

Congrats— You're Having a Teen!

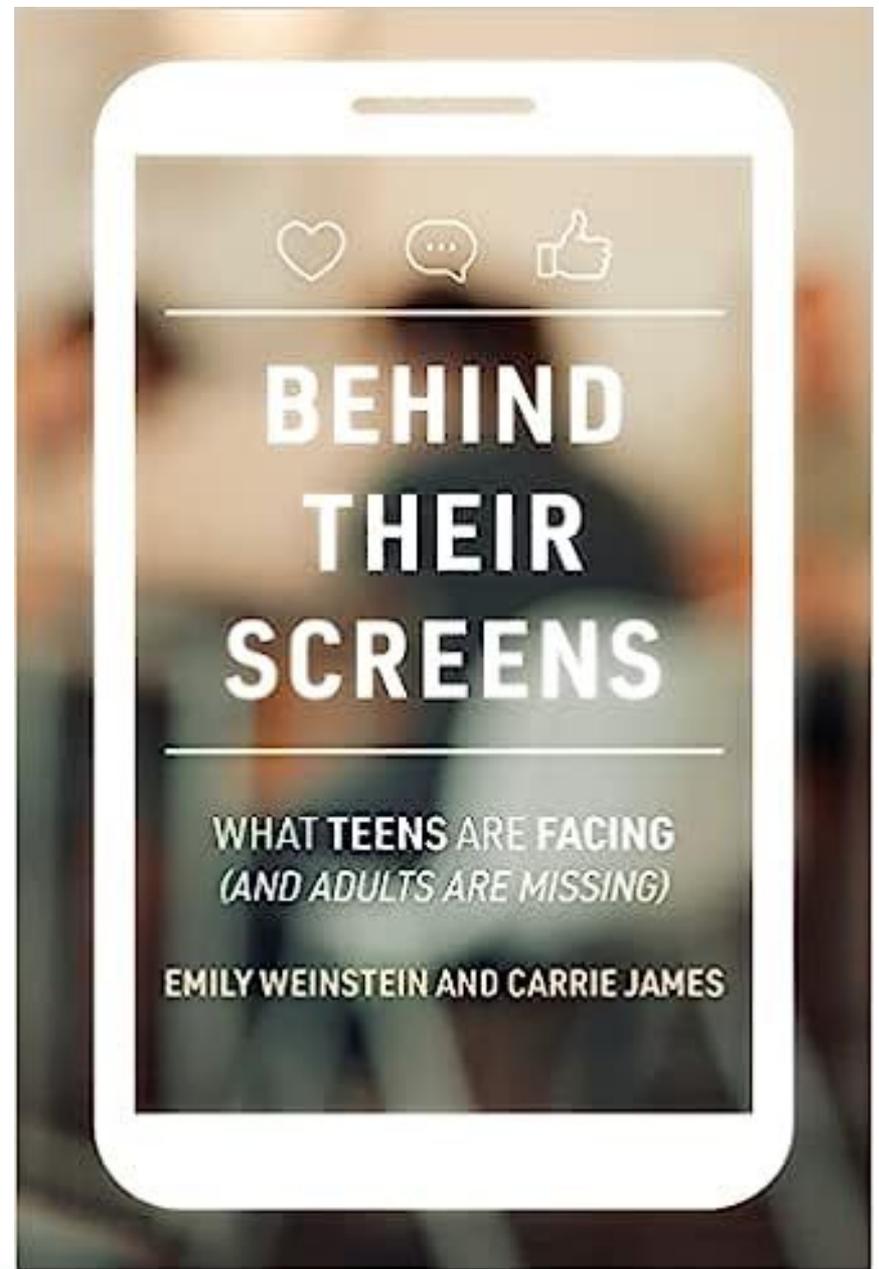


**Strengthen Your Family
and Raise a Good Person**

Kenneth R. Ginsburg, MD, MS Ed, FAAP

American Academy of Pediatrics

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A Day in the Life, cont.

- Student Handbook 2023-24
- Dress Code
 - Community Expectations
 - Special Dress
- Lockers

Key People to Know

Attendance: Ritu Raj

AttendanceUS@harker.org

408.345.9247



School Nurse: Jennifer Olson

Jennifer.Olson@harker.org

408 345-9611

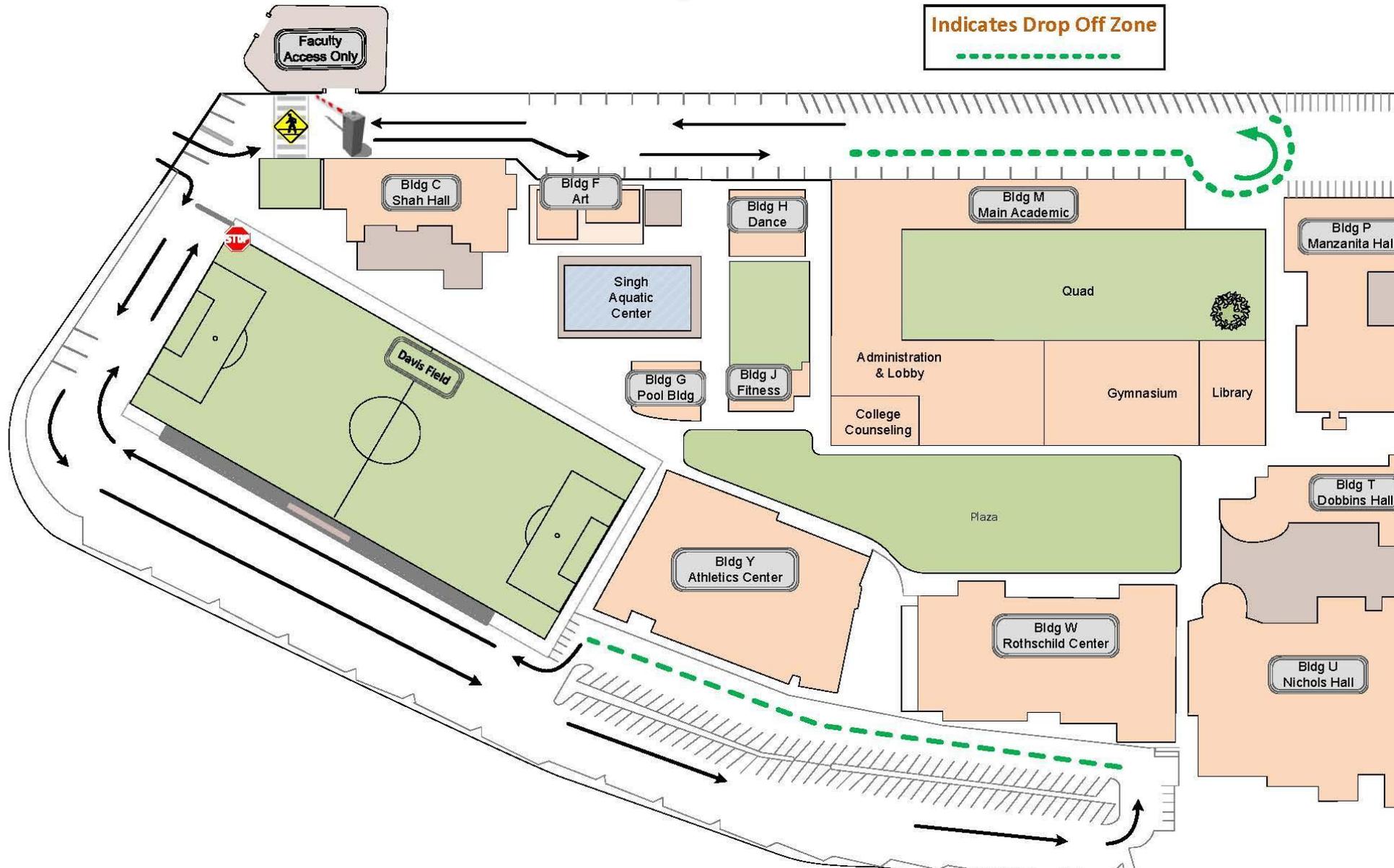


Drop-Off and Pickup

- Campus Hours: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Arrive early: drop off before 7:40 a.m.
- Saratoga Avenue: Do not drop off students!
- Be patient during the first two weeks - traffic will settle!
- Be kind.

Drop-Off

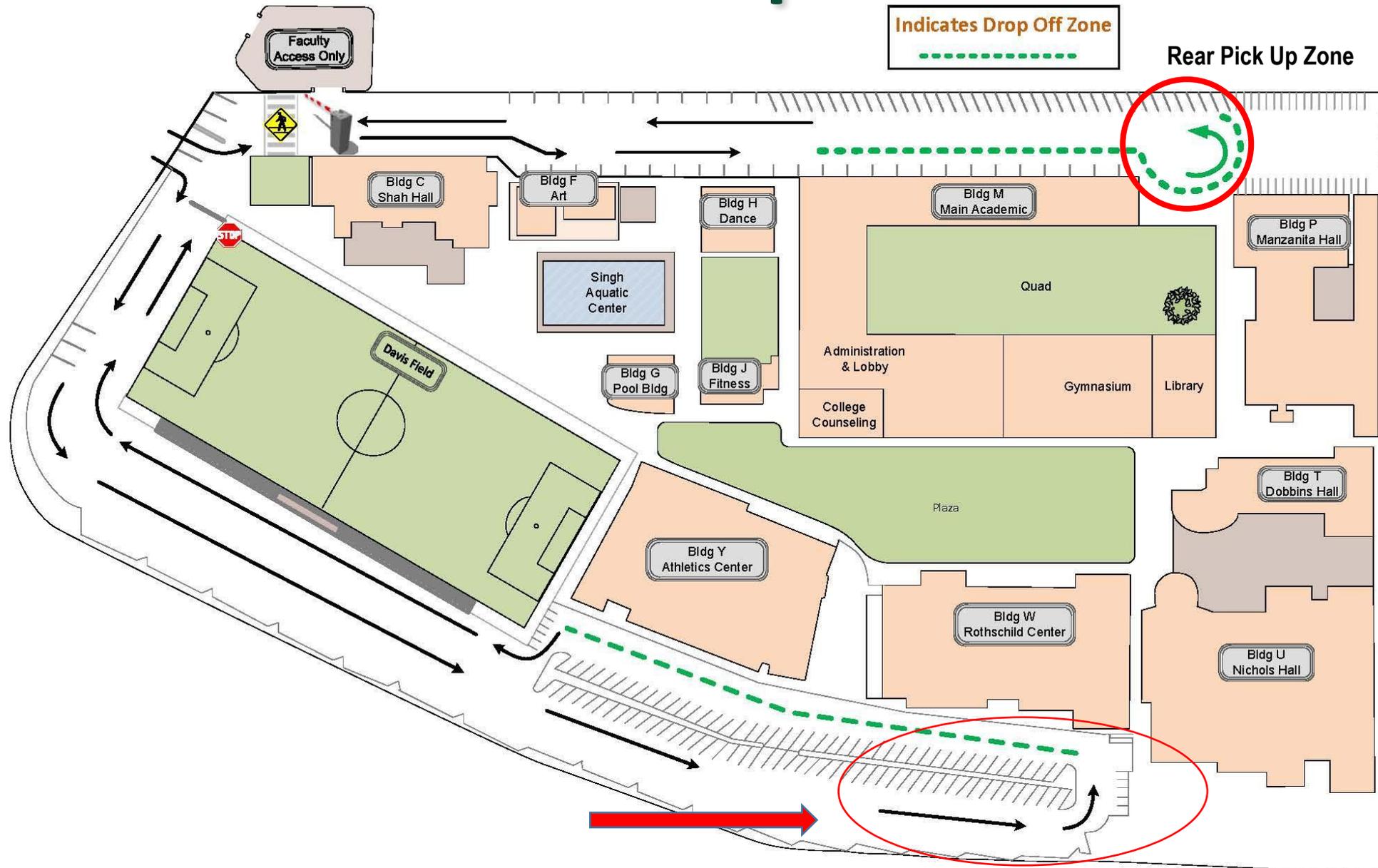
Indicates Drop Off Zone
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Pickup

Indicates Drop Off Zone

Rear Pick Up Zone



When exiting the campus....



The Class of 2027



Four years to build something special.

Starting strong.



You'll see them become a team - a class.



Spirit brings things together



Advisory becomes a fun safe place

Advisory

- Health and Wellness
- Downtime
- Spirit and Community
- Character and Ethics
- Support and Advocacy



Link Crew!



Special Days

Orientation/Field Day



Matriculation



Preparing for this Year and Beyond

- **Sat., Sept. 9:** Back to School
- **Mon., Sept. 25:** College Admissions -
Understanding Today's System
- **Thurs., Oct. 5:** Academic Planning
- **Thurs., Oct. 19:** Grade Level Parent Connect

Brian Davis

Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion Director



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& INCLUSION

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Offers professional development opportunities for faculty and staff

Works with deans on student affairs

Helps cultivate community through student programs

Provides on-campus trainings for faculty and staff

Oversees diversity initiatives on each campus

Upper School Diversity Committee Leaders



Susan Salhab



Diane Main

Upper School Student Coalition Advisors



Jeanette Fernandez



Brian Davis

Upper School Student Affinity Groups

Asian Pacific
American
Caucus

LatinX

Black Student
Union

Muslim
Student
Association

Jewish Affinity
Group

Trans Affinity
Group

Sikh Student
Association

Middle Eastern
Student
Association

2023-24 Student Events

Fri., Nov. 10:

Harker Social Justice Day (Upper School)

Sat., Feb. 3:

6th Annual Student Diversity Leadership Gathering

Mon., Feb. 26-Fri., Mar. 1:

Harker Culture Week

*School assemblies honoring cultural months
on each campus*

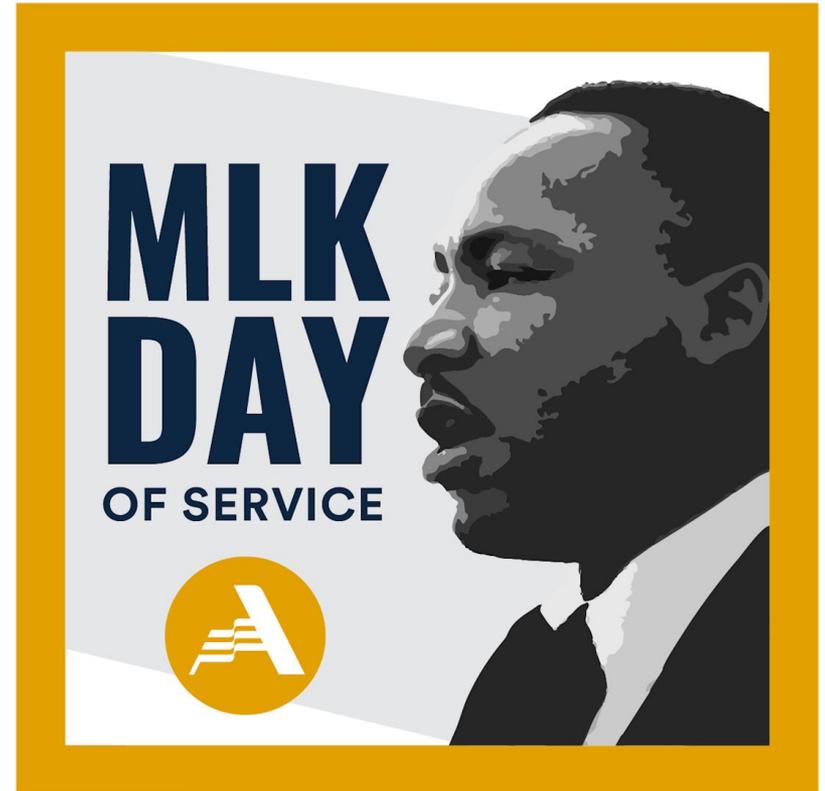
2023-24 Community Events

Mon., Jan. 15:

Harker Martin Luther King
(MLK) Day of Service

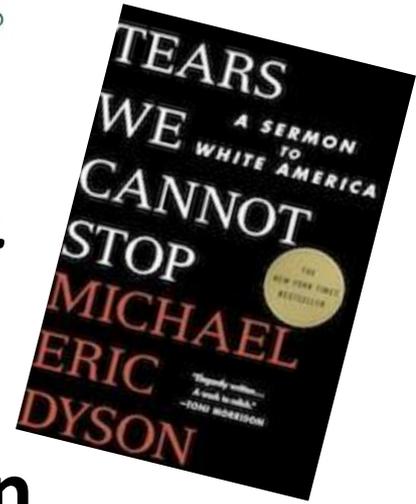
Mon.- Fri., Jan. 15-19: Martin
Luther King (MLK) Week

Fri., Jan. 19: Harker Martin
Luther King (MLK) Evening
Celebration





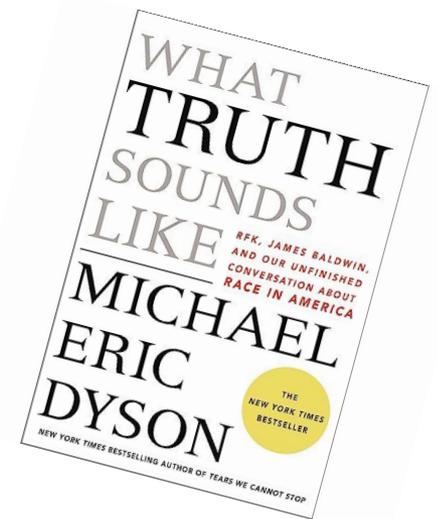
*Special Martin Luther King, Jr.
Evening Celebration*



Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

**Fri., Jan. 19, 2024
6-8 p.m.**

**Patil Theater
Upper School Campus**



Connecting With Us



Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion



DEI SUGGESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FORM

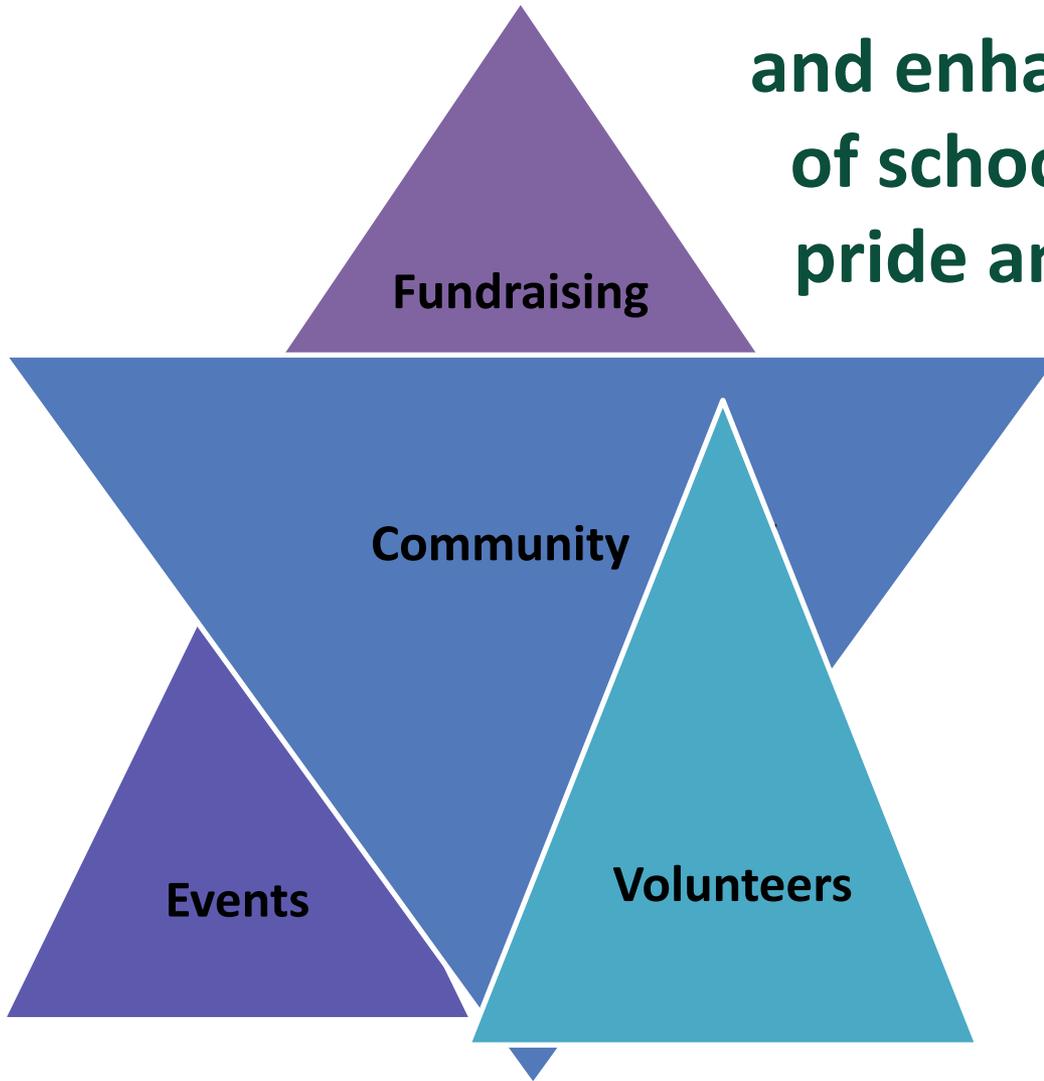
If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding DEI at Harker, please [send me an email](#) or [submit this DEI feedback form](#).

Kim Lobe

Director of Advancement



Our team focuses on supporting and enhancing Harker's sense of school community, school pride and strong tradition of philanthropy.



Community and Volunteers: Your Grade Level Coordinators

Gr. 9: Tina Tsao and Mike Avilia

Gr. 10: Jimmy Chen and Clair Huang

Gr. 11: Lill Chen, Jenny Han and
Margarita Millerman

Gr 12: Christina Blue, Charlie Guo and Radhika Isharya

Parent Coffees

**Off-campus
activities to
bring the parent
community
together!**



Sat., Oct. 7, 2023
Upper School
Campus

Save the day for the whole family - current and alumni - to celebrate the spirit of Harker!

11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Harker Day Activities

5:30 p.m.: Homecoming Spirit Activities, Hall of Fame Ceremony

6p.m.: Homecoming Football Game

Watch for emails in August with more details. It will be a great day to be an eagle and celebrate our community!

Fundraising:

Supporting our Students and Teachers

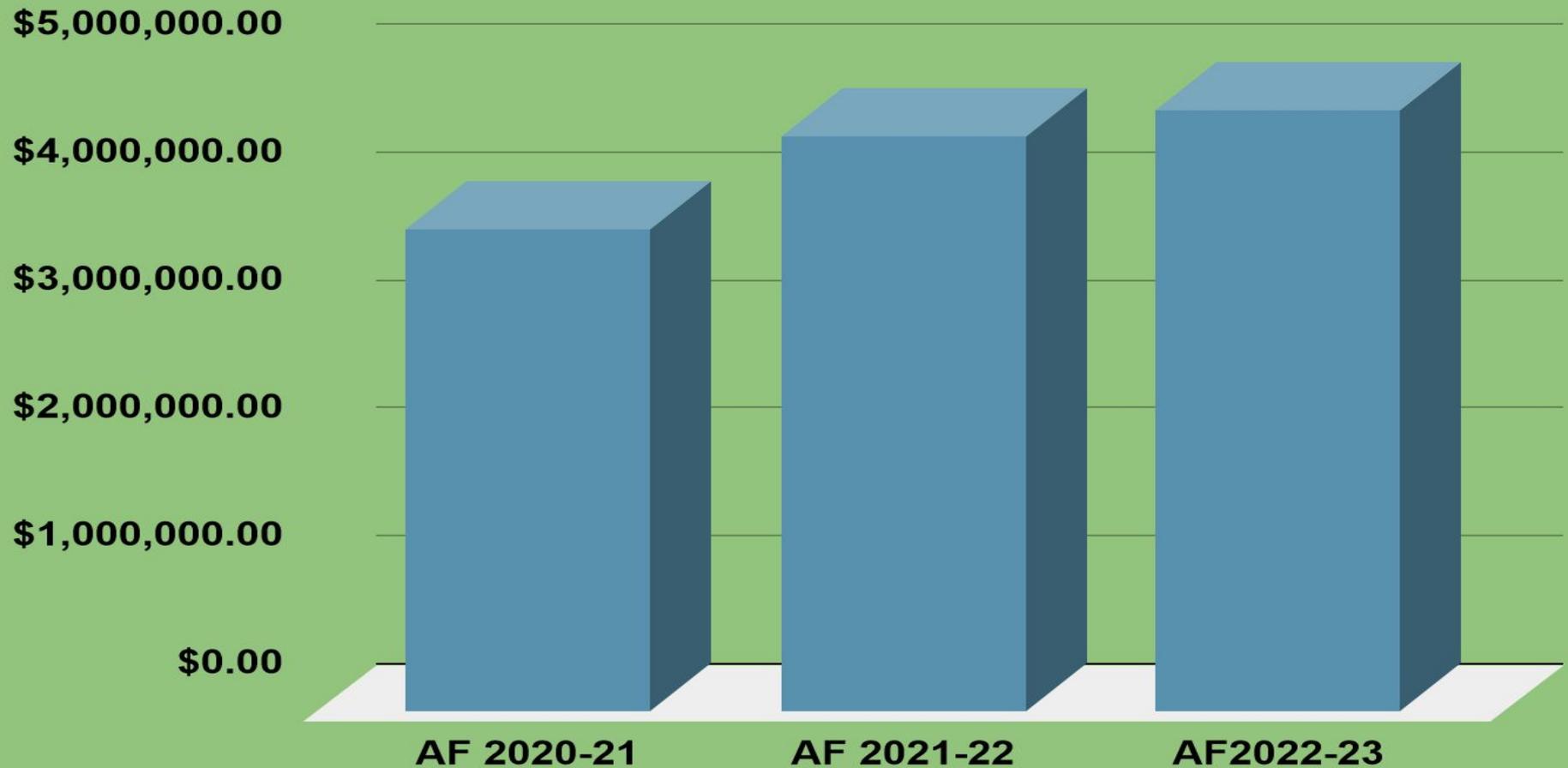
Annual Giving Update

(June 1, 2022-May 31, 2023)

- Harker would not be the school it is today were it not for our culture and long-standing tradition of Philanthropy.
- Please give/volunteer/participate in proportion to your ability to do so.
- Your generosity helps provide The Margin of Excellence we are known for: academics, extra-curriculars, facilities, and long-term financial security from endowed programs.

Annual Giving Campaign in Total Dollars

(in millions)



Annual Giving Campaign - Matching Gifts

Your employer may match your gift!

Matching Gifts

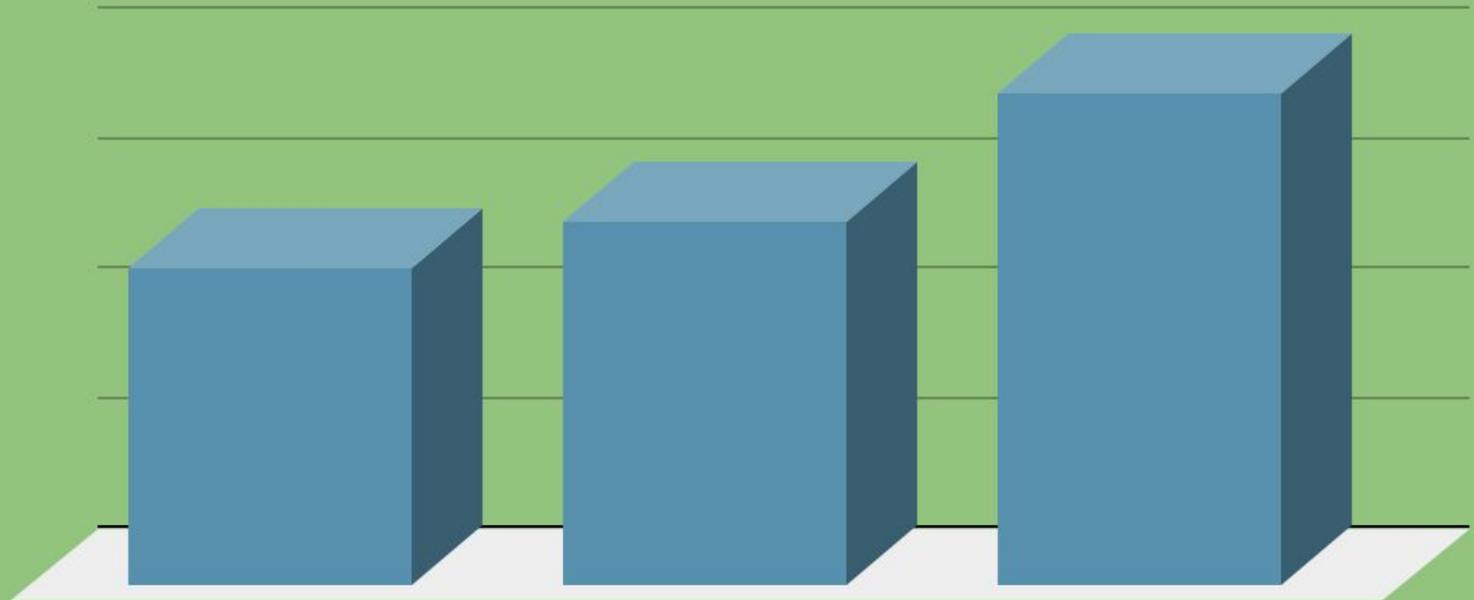
\$1,000,000.00

\$750,000.00

\$500,000.00

\$250,000.00

\$0.00



2020-21

2021-22

2022-23

\$ 623,490

\$ 702,887

\$ 949,879

Supporting the Annual Fund

2023-24 MS PDC Members

Erika Knauer

Janey Yee

Jennifer Avila

Jia Shi

Lilian Zheng

Anshu Kalra

Albert Lee

Ning Jiang

Soumitra Kumar

Wei Zhong



125th
Gift Initiative
2018-2023



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Gift Initiative
2018-2023

Pledge deadline: Dec. 31, 2023

Please continue the tradition of Annual Fund support.

We will recognize all donors in 125th Anniversary
Gift Clubs.

125th Leadership donors contributing \$25,000 or
more may reserve a **naming opportunity** on one of
Harker's campuses.



125th
Gift Initiative
2018-2023

Pledge deadline: Dec. 31, 2023

Please consider making an additional gift or pledge to the Capital Fund.

Your gift(s) to the Capital Fund will be matched by the **Mehta Matching Challenge** Gift up to \$5M.



Joe Rosenthal
*Executive
Director of
Strategic
Initiatives*



125th
Gift Initiative
2018-2023

Invest in the Power of Education

Be recognized for supporting our students,
teachers and Harker's mission
by participating in the
125th Anniversary Gift Initiative.

HARKER. Annual Giving

Honor Roll of Donors:
Early September

Annual Fund mailing:
Late September

Pledge Week / Phone-a-thon:
Week of Oct. 9





Panel of Grade 9 Experts

Selina Xu

Edis Mesic

Cynthia Wang