Dear Students,

Now that we have a reopening plan in place, we are excited to put the schedule in motion and bring our students back to campus on August 31! In the meantime, I want to share a few housekeeping details with you.

Much has changed since you were last on campus, and aspects of the school community are going to have a different feel when you return. There are recommended safety guidelines and healthy practices that we will be implementing in classrooms, cafeterias, and common areas. To that end, we are bringing each class back for an orientation on August 27 & 28 so that everyone is better informed before their first day of school. More information on each class orientation session will be released in the coming weeks.

It is important that students and parents/guardians carefully read Pinkerton’s 2020-2021 Student Planner, which will be issued on the first day of school. In early August, the planner will be available for viewing on our website at www.pinkertonacademy.org. Both you and your parents will receive an email that contains a link to the “2020-21 Student Planner Acknowledgement” form, confirming your receipt and review of the planner. Students and parents will need to submit this form electronically before opening day. A printed version of the acknowledgment form will be made available to those who are unable to access email.

Parents/guardians, please complete the “Health Information and OTC Medication Permission Form” and send it to the Health Office. Parental permission is required each year as it gives written authorization for a nurse to provide acetaminophen or ibuprofen to your child. No medications can be provided without written permission. The form is available on the website.

Please contact the Student Information Services office at sis@pinkertonacademy.org or ext. 1191 if you have moved or changed telephone numbers so that we will have the most up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency. This might seem like a trivial detail, but current contact information is imperative to keeping our families informed.

Did you know that being an active member of a club or organization boosts grades? Research shows that the vast majority of successful high school students are engaged members of their school community. Students, I encourage you to get involved in the athletic program, performing arts, or any of the more than 70 clubs and organizations available to you. At Pinkerton, there is a club or organization for pretty much every interest, and all will be up and running when we return. Get involved!

With clubs and organizations come Pinkerton’s fall traditions such as the Homecoming Dance, Senior Corn Roast, Sophomore Semi-Formal, and Freshman Reception. Sadly, given the state of this public health crisis, we are currently unable to run events that draw large numbers of students and adult chaperones such as these. If you have an idea about an alternative event, please share it with me or reach out to your Class Advisors or Class Officers.

With the start of a new school year, each of us is given a fresh start to learn and grow. We are a community of individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and personal challenges. Let us be committed to treating one another with kindness and respect while holding ourselves accountable for our words and actions. By committing to this credo, each of us will be doing our part to make our school a welcoming and safer place for all.

Sincerely,

Susanne Tartarilla
Dean of Students