

Head

of the School

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Save the Dates:

Visual and Performing Arts Walk, **May 15**

Annual Meeting, **June 3**



Congratulations to our STATE and NATIONAL FINALISTS with Future Business Leaders of America! Mrs. Filbeck and Ms. Dodis, we are all so proud of the success among your advised students! Ethan, Alex, and Luca (2nd place state finish in critical thinking); Evren (state 2nd place with exploring business ethics); Becca and Fiona (4th place in video game challenge, state-wide); Jillian (4th place test in social media at the state level); Aaron, William and Bryn (4th place finish in the state for exploring business ethics); Ayaan, Leo R. and Theofanis (4th place state finish in exploring website design); and Ahmed, Leo A., Jake (5th in state for exploring business ethics). Also, sixth and seventh place state winners were Angeliki, Louisa, Arjun, Julian, Amir, Jared and Vihaan who may also qualify for Nationals.

Sister School

Every once in awhile independent schools feel a sense of pride in a named accomplishment as a team of non-public schools, particularly in PA. Sadly, our independent school community occasionally experiences feelings related to tragedy as well. The recent act of arson on Governor Shapiro's residence has impacted many as his children (and he) are current students (and an alumnus) of a Pennsylvania independent school.

While many of our Pittsburgh counterparts are still reeling from the 2018 Tree of Life heartbreak, unfortunately, we have another school community impacted by a senseless crime. As your child(ren) may see our governor's emotional reaction to being victimized with worry for his own children, his/her/their questions and curiosity grow alongside feelings associated with fear and sensitivity. It is in times like these that we increase bonds that hold us together. Our school community's sense of belonging is strong; weathering many storms together through these 96+ years. Each and every family is critical to who we are and how our mission is fulfilled. Mr. Rogers reminded us to "look for the heroes" in the face of difficulty. The courageous fire fighters and the friendships among classmates will hold this family and school together in the days to come. Together we learn valuable lessons in resilience through the hands and hearts of independent school villages like ours.

In the spirit of compounding our EDS family and sense of community, please join me in greeting Mr. Mitchell McVeigh. Mr. McVeigh will begin working as the Educator and Director of Performing Arts beginning July 1st. A graduate of the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music with a scholarship for Academic and Vocal Excellence, Mr. McVeigh has been teaching vocal lessons since graduation and performs on many levels with a skilled reputation around town. Tomorrow he will shadow Mrs. Lachowski, learning many intricacies of the rewarding position to come. The children are sure to see him from time-to-time thereafter as Mr. McVeigh grows his understanding of our school culture and educational promise. Yours in education,

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