

A year ago, I stood in your shoes. My wife and I had just sold our home in North Carolina, and we were preparing to start a new adventure here in Columbus. The last 12 months have reaffirmed for us that CSG is a special place. During this uncertain school year, our students, faculty, staff, and parents persevered. We kept learning and evolving. Our team is filled with hope and excitement as we look ahead to August and the 2021-22 school year. The future is bright, and we're thrilled to be on this journey together. Welcome to the Upper School Family.

Earlier this month, at our "Looking Ahead to Form IX" event, I encouraged us to rally around three Upper School pillars: **relationships**, **community**, and **growth**. The relationships your child will build with their Advisor, teachers, and peers form the foundation for her deep learning. The community to which she belongs here is powerful, purposeful, and always joyful; our mission and core values guide everything we do. And we are devoted to your student's growth. They will be challenged, supported, known, and loved every day. Our program will prepare them to thrive in college and far beyond.

Transitioning into a new school brings with it some uncertainty. If you'd like, I invite you to meet with me during the summer. Together, we can discuss your school-specific questions, and we can dig deeper into your child's goals and unique story. Alisa King, Upper School Administrative Assistant, can help us schedule a 45-minute meeting. Please email Alisa at [aking@columbusschoolforgirls.org](mailto:aking@columbusschoolforgirls.org) to set up an appointment, and don't hesitate to contact me directly with questions or ideas. I will be back in touch in late July or early August with more information about the upcoming school year. Have a restful, rejuvenating summer.

Copied below are some important dates for your calendar.

See you soon,

Kellen

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## **New-Student Orientation**

**Tuesday, August 3rd - Thursday, August 5th**

**8:30-11:30 am**

Our three-day New Student Orientation prepares new students to hit the ground running on Opening Day. The program features social bonding, and overview of Upper School life, and some academic enrichment.

## **Back-to-School Family Socials: August 8th & 15th**

Form IX: Sunday, August 8th, 12:00-2:00 pm @ Goodale Park

Form X: Sunday, August 15th, 12:00-2:00 pm @ Goodale Park

## **Staggered School Start (Form-Level Orientations)**

### **Wednesday, August 18th**

Forms IX & X on campus for orientation

### **Thursday, August 19th**

Forms XI and XII on campus for orientation

### **Friday, August 20th**

All students on campus

### **Monday, August 23 - Opening Day of School**

Students should wear their official uniforms for school pictures.

## **Parent Back-to-School Night**

Thursday, September 9th

Evening, time & location: TBD

Parent Back-to-School Night is an indispensable opportunity to connect with teachers and fellow parents. We will share more details later this summer.