



July 2nd, 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the break! While your children have been home we have been hard at work preparing for the start of school and we are looking forward to the students returning on Monday July 10th. We have been planning exciting summer programming as well as getting academic classes prepared. With the new school year come some new faces and some old faces in new positions that we are very excited about.

Melissa Cherry (e-mail: mcherry@ivymount.org) will be continuing in the role of **Assistant Program Director**. As Assistant Director, Melissa will be in charge of the academic and social learning programming as well as supervising the content teachers.

Lynn Southern (e-mail: LSouthern@ivymount.org) will be continuing in the role as the **Program Supervisor for the Lower Elementary School** in **room 237** and will begin supervising our **Upper Elementary and Lower Middle** school students in **room 234**.

Neziha Umitli (e-mail: numitli@ivymount.org) will be continuing as the **Program Supervisor for the Upper Middle School** students in **room 236** and our **High School** students in **room 204**.

Kristin Wienecke (e-mail: KWienecke@ivymount.org) will continue to be the **Clinical Coordinator** for the MAP program. Kristin will continue to support our teams with student behavior supports and interventions.

Christine Lowery (e-mail: CLowery@ivymount.org) will be moving to a new position of our **content teacher**, she will focus on supporting our program with social/emotional and behavioral programming and supports. We are excited to support Christine in this new role and to continue expanding our programming in these areas.

There are 4 classrooms for students this year:

- ⊙ **Students in grades 3rd through 4th are in the Lower Elementary School and will be in room 237.**
 - **Analisa Meyers** (e-mail: Ameyers@ivymount.org) will be the teacher for the elementary classroom. Analisa will be teaching English/Language Arts and the Social Learning curriculum.
 - For the summer session, students in the Elementary School will be going to the pool 2 days a week while working on their social learning programing.



Walking permission slips are attached to this e-mail, if you could please have this filled out and sent in with your child on the first day of school that would be great.

- ⦿ **Students in grades 5th and 6th are in a combination class of our Upper Elementary and Lower Middle School students in room 234.**
 - **Madeline Hart** (e-mail: MHart@ivymount.org) will be the classroom teacher for 234. Maddie taught in our elementary school previously and we are excited for her to return. She will be working closely with teaching assistants and 1:1 Teaching Assistants assigned to the room (Myah Wortham and Zak Book) assigned to the classroom.
- ⦿ **Students in grades 7th and 8th are in our Upper Middle school class in room 236.**
 - **Symone Folson** (e-mail: SFolson@ivymount.org) will be the homeroom teacher for 236. She will be working closely with teaching assistants and 1:1 Teaching Assistants assigned to the room (Derrell Brooks, Adrianna Mantilla, and Glenn Spaulding).
 - The **Upper Elementary School and Middle School** classes will be going on “excursions” for their summer Social Learning community based instruction. Each classroom will go on one “excursion” each week starting the week of July 13th *weather dependent*. More information on the excursions plan/schedule will be sent by the homeroom teachers. In addition to the excursions, the Middle School classes will going to the pool 1x a week. A walking permission slip is attached to this e-mail, if you could please fill it out and send with your child the first day of school that would be great.
- ⦿ **The High School (grades 9th-10th) will be in room 204.**
 - **Keith Lester** (e-mail: Klester@ivymount.org) will continue to lead our high school team as the homeroom teacher.
 - High School students will participate in high school academics and Social Learning programming designed to help them think about their long term goals and develop internal motivation. Students new to the high school will participate in “high school boot camp” to help them learn the systems and expectations in high school classes. This transition can take all summer into the fall, depending on individual needs.

We are so fortunate that our content team will remain the same this school year: Robb Herndon, Ashley Taylor, Marisa Tracey, Jessica Monfared (formally Ms. B.) and Caitlin Callahan.



We are excited for Jillian Sikora (SLP), Ann Kern (SLP), and Michelle Prillio (OT) to be returning as related service providers for the 2018-2019 school year. Mackenzie Colgan (MHP) will continue to work with us through the summer session. Laura Levine (MHP) and Amy Leatherman Cowell (OT) are new therapists joining the MAP program this year. Your child's therapist will be reaching out to introduce themselves in the next week.

Your child's classroom teacher will be reaching out Thursday when we return from the holiday to introduce themselves and to share specific information from your child's classes about any special events or supplies needed, but there are no general requirements. Students will arrive to start the summer term with lots of fun and learning ahead of them. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with which we can help as we kick off the 2018-2019 school year.

Best,

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