

## Summer Update

### August 3, 2023



**Back-To-School Open House**  
**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**11:00am-1:00pm**



#### ***School of Grammar Open House***

Parents and guardians are welcome to visit classrooms and meet our teachers during our Open House on Monday, August 21, between 11:00am and 1:00pm. Our teachers will be in their classrooms at the Open House, ready to greet families. Students may drop off their supplies and set up their desks. If your child cannot attend the Open House, please do not worry. Students may also bring their supplies on the first day of school and will be given time to get set up and organized.

#### ***Schools of Logic and Rhetoric Open House***

We look forward to seeing you and your children at the Open House this year! Open House on Monday, August 21, between 11:00am and 1:00pm is an excellent opportunity to explore the campus, meet our dedicated faculty, walk your children's schedules, and drop off school supplies in their first-hour classrooms or lockers. We encourage you to ask questions to ensure you and your children feel prepared for the upcoming year.



#### **The First Day of School is Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

The first day of the 2023-2024 school year is Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors will open at 7:45am and classes will begin promptly at 8:00am. We are excited to welcome our students to the new school year and especially to meet our new students and families. We are going to have a great school year!

We ask all parents to say goodbye on the Quad before the students enter the building. Please explain to your children that they will be entering the building without you; however, you can assure them that our staff will be there to welcome them and help them to their rooms. Staff will be in the bus drop-off area to greet our students riding the bus and help them get to their classrooms.

#### **Parent-Guardian Coffee on the Quad**

After you drop off your children, parents and guardians are invited to join us in the Amphitheatre on the Quad for coffee and the chance to connect with other Parnassus families from 7:45am to 8:00am.

#### **Prima Scholars – Help on the First Day of School from School of Rhetoric Scholars**

Our wonderful Parnassus School of Rhetoric (SOR) scholars have volunteered to assist our new Prima scholars at the start of the first day of school to escort them into the building and to their classrooms. They will be wearing "SOR Helper" nametags on their Parnassus blazers and will be located outside on the Quad near the School of Grammar entrance, where they will be eager to greet Prima students and escort them to their homerooms. Our SOR helpers will also assist in the back of the building, help Prima students off the buses, and escort them to their classrooms. Prima students and families –look for the blazers; our friendly helpers will gladly assist you!

## ***First Day of School Information Continued...***

In the event of inclement weather, we may open the doors early and allow students to wait inside the Atrium until the 7:45am bell. We always have staff members outside assisting students during morning drop-off. Students who are taking the bus will enter the building through Door L. There are always staff members assisting with the morning bus drop off who are happy to help students find their way.



### **School of Grammar Family Meet Ups**

During the first two weeks of school, we will have an opportunity for School of Grammar families to meet other students and families in their child's class and grade level. This will be a fun and relaxed social opportunity for students and parents/guardians, with structured play outside on the playground. Each meet-up will be from 3:45-5:00pm on the dates listed below. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Principal Omberg [omberg@parnassusprep.com](mailto:omberg@parnassusprep.com) if you have any questions.

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| August 24   | Prima Meet Up for families 3:45 – 5:00pm                     |
| August 29   | First Level Grammar (1G) Meet Up for families 3:45 – 5:00pm  |
| August 30   | Second Level Grammar (2G) Meet Up for families 3:45 – 5:00pm |
| August 31   | Third Level Grammar (3G) Meet Up for families 3:45 – 5:00pm  |
| September 5 | Fourth Level Grammar (4G) Meet Up for families 3:45 – 5:00pm |

## **Information about Student Bus, Classroom, and Locker Assignments for the Upcoming School Year:**



### **School Bus Information**

We know that parents and guardians are eager to receive their children's bus information. Each family who has requested and qualified for busing will receive an email with their children's bus information. This information will be viewable on Infinite Campus on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Families will get an email with their bus information by Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have been assigned to a bus stop but will not be utilizing bussing for the 2023-2024 school year, please get in touch with Ms. Banas in the main office at (763) 496-1416. If you have questions regarding your stop information, Ms. Banas is the person to contact for that as well.

### **Homeroom Assignments Available for School of Grammar**

Homeroom class assignments for the School of Grammar will be posted on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Schedules for Schools of Logic and Rhetoric**

Student schedules for scholars in the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric will be posted on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Locker Information for Schools of Logic and Rhetoric**

Please read below for information on lockers for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### ***School of Logic***

School of Logic lockers will be assigned during first-hour classes on the first day of school. Because of this, School of Logic scholars can drop their labeled school supplies off with their first-hour teachers during Open House. We will provide time on the first school day for scholars to set up their lockers.

#### ***School of Rhetoric***

School of Rhetoric Lockers will be assigned and ready to organize during the Open House. If your children cannot attend the Open House, we will provide some time on the first day of school to allow scholars to get settled.

#### ***Locks – Logic and Rhetoric Students***

Please remember to practice your combination locks with your children before school begins. This is often a point of worry for scholars as they enter the School of Logic, and we want them to come to school on the first day as experts! Combination locks were not provided in back-to-school toolboxes but were part of the school supply lists. They are required for every locker in both Schools of Logic and Rhetoric.

# Information About Morning Entry and Afternoon Dismissal:

## Morning Entry Procedures for the 2023-2024 School Year

Please read below for information on morning entry procedures for the upcoming school year.

### ***School of Grammar***

After the first day of school, School of Grammar students who are dropped off by their families will enter the building through the School of Grammar entrance once doors open at 7:45am and proceed to their classrooms. We will have many extra hands to assist students to their classrooms if needed. In the event of inclement weather, we may open the doors early and allow students to wait inside the Atrium until the 7:45am bell. We always have staff members outside assisting students during morning drop-off. Students who are taking the bus will enter the building through Door L. There are always staff members assisting with the morning bus drop-off who are happy to help students.

### ***School of Logic***

Upon arrival, Logic scholars should enter the building through door W, by the Gymnasium. As a reminder, doors open at 7:45am with classes beginning promptly at 8:00am. Staff will be available at the entrance to help provide schedules to students who may need assistance.

### ***School of Rhetoric***

Upon arrival, Rhetoric scholars should enter the building through door B, by the Athenaeum. As a reminder, doors open at 7:45am with classes beginning promptly at 8:00am. Staff will be available at the entrance near door B to help provide schedules to students who may need assistance.

## End-of-Day Dismissal Procedures for the 2023-2024 School Year

Please read below for information on dismissal and pick-up information for each school level.

### ***School of Grammar***

At the end of the school day at 3:30pm, all students will be dismissed to their appropriate method of transportation. Students using busing will exit to the buses, with Prima and First Level Grammar students being escorted by school staff. Prima through Fourth Level Grammar students who are being picked up by parents or guardians will be brought outside to the blacktop area of the Quad to be picked up. To keep all of our students safe and to ensure that teachers can confirm the identity of the adults picking up the children, we ask that parents wait to collect their children until the teachers have finished escorting students to the blacktop. Thank you for helping to keep our scholars safe and secure!

### ***School of Logic***

School is dismissed, and students will leave their classrooms at 3:30pm. After stopping to store and collect belongings from their lockers, students will be dismissed to one of two locations. School of Logic students riding the bus home will exit at the back of the building through Door R, where the buses will be lined up and waiting. School of Logic students picked up by a family member will exit through the Quad to the parking lot. School of Logic students may exit through Door X or Door W (near the Gymnasium) to the Quad. School of Logic scholars with younger siblings in the School of Grammar may pick up their younger siblings outside in the Quad, where School of Grammar scholars will be lined up with their teachers.

### ***School of Rhetoric***

Classes end and scholars are dismissed at 3:30pm when they can leave their classrooms and collect their belongings from their lockers. School of Rhetoric scholars being picked up or driving themselves will exit the building through Door B. School of Rhetoric scholars who take the bus will exit through Door M. School of Rhetoric scholars who have younger siblings in the School of Grammar may pick up their younger siblings outside in the Quad, where School of Grammar scholars will be lined up with their teachers.

## How to Request a Dismissal or Transportation Change

Occasionally, families may need to arrange for a child to be dismissed from school early for an appointment, or they may need to change their child's afternoon transportation for the day. Dismissal and transportation change requests are sent to a single email: [dismissalchanges@parnassusprep.com](mailto:dismissalchanges@parnassusprep.com). When emailing changes to the school, please list the following:

Your child's name, school level/grade, homeroom teacher (for SOG), the desired change (e.g. bus, parent pickup), and the date. Example:

**Jamal Smith**  
**4G/Ms. Jones**

**My child will be in parent/guardian pick up today, Wednesday, 8/24/2023.**

If you have multiple children at Parnassus, you may make changes for all children in one email, but please list the appropriate information for each child. There will be an option to leave a voicemail via the main office number as well. All requests must be submitted by email or voicemail **by 12:00pm** each school day. This allows us to safely ensure all students have the correct dismissal change information.

Please note: This procedure is meant for occasional changes to your child's normal end-of-day routine. If you need to make a permanent or long-term change to your child's dismissal plan, please contact your child's school main office for a change form.

## **Animus and Accendo – Before and After School Care**

Animus & Accendo fee-based before and after school care will be available to families on days that their children attend school. The cost for before school care only is \$5.00. The cost for after school care is \$17 per day, or \$2,941 per child per year. If you pay for the full year upfront, families receive a discounted rate of \$2,500 per year.

The Animus & Accendo before and after school programs provide a structured environment in which students complete homework. To register your child for before or after school care through Animus and Accendo, please visit <https://parnassusprep.com/parents/animus-accendo/> to fill out the forms and review the program policies and procedures. The morning program runs from 7:00-7:45am and the afterschool program runs until 6:00pm. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact [animus@parnassusprep.com](mailto:animus@parnassusprep.com).

## **School Supplies and Uniforms:**

### **School Uniforms**

Parnassus will continue to partner with School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger as our uniform vendor for the upcoming school year.

### **Ordering Instructions:**

Go to [www.globalschoolwear.com](http://www.globalschoolwear.com) and in the FIND YOUR SCHOOL section, please enter our Partner School Code PARN01 or search by school name. Please also select your child's grade, gender, and uniform type (daily uniform or physical education uniform).

The website will automatically apply our school logo to any uniform item for which it is required, including shirts, sweaters, and blazers. Once you have identified a product for purchase, select the color, size, logo (if applicable), and quantity. After clicking "Add to Cart", the items will be added to your shopping cart, and you will be prompted to either "Continue Shopping" or "Checkout Now."

If you have questions about sizing, click the "Size Chart" link in each item's description. If you still have questions after using the *Size Chart*, please call the toll-free customer service number at (877) 825-2860 and their customer service team will be happy to assist. Upon placing your order, you will receive an email confirmation that your order has been received. Once your order has shipped, you will receive an email confirming the shipping date and tracking information. Please allow 10-12 business days from the time your order is placed for it to be delivered. Your order history will be stored in your account, and you can come back to the website anytime, 24/7, to place additional orders.

You can sign up to be on the Tommy Hilfiger email list at [www.globalschoolwear.com/emailsSignup](http://www.globalschoolwear.com/emailsSignup). This will ensure you receive email notifications with all the details about upcoming promotions! If you have questions on uniform-related items, please contact Mr. Kasowicz at [kasowicz@parnassusprep.com](mailto:kasowicz@parnassusprep.com).

PLEASE NOTE: Scholars may not wear smartwatches during the school day. We recommend leaving these items at home.

Please help support a solid start to the year by ensuring your children have all required uniform pieces, including a black or brown belt and the respective colored shoes for their school level. A full outline of the Parnassus Uniform Guidelines can be accessed [here](#).



## School Supply Kits, Order Now!

The school supply kits are organized by school level in the School of Grammar and as a single box for the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric. The kits offer cost savings to families, as well as eliminating the need to search for items at different stores. Your child's kit will include everything he or she needs, *with the exception of combination locks for the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric*. Kits must be ordered online through our vendor; no orders will be taken at the school. To order, visit [www.schooltoolbox.com](http://www.schooltoolbox.com) and search for Parnassus. If you wish to purchase a kit as a donation for a student in need, you can enter "Donation" in the name field at checkout. At this point, kits must be shipped home and brought to school on Open House day on August 21<sup>st</sup> or the first day of school on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost for shipping is \$9.95 for all orders under \$75. While the kits offer a convenient and cost-effective option for families, families may still choose to purchase their own school supplies. You can find the 2023-2024 School Supply List at the bottom of the "current families" page of the Parnassus website. Supply lists will also be available at local stores.

## Reminder for the Schools of Logic & Rhetoric for the First Day of School

All students in the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric must have locks on their lockers and bring a locker combination lock to school. The combination lock *is not included* in the school supplies kits and must be purchased separately.

## School Meals:

### School Lunch and Breakfast

Parnassus Preparatory School has contracted catering services with CKC Good Food as our school lunch vendor. CKC Good Food focuses on fresh, wholesome, made-from-scratch, nutritious food. Our lunch program offers different daily options, including a salad, vegetables, fruit, and milk at the cost. As a result of the Free School Meals for Kids Program, all breakfasts and lunches are free of charge for all students. Please remember that students are not permitted to share food. Food that is sent to school should be packaged for your individual child.

### Applications for Educational Benefits

Applications for Educational Benefits are available for the upcoming school year and must be submitted each year. We must continue to collect Applications for Educational Benefits to determine if a student qualifies for free or reduced-price meals.

#### *Why is important to continue to collect Applications for Educational Benefits?*

A school's eligibility for programs such as the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), and federal after-school snack and supper programs is based on free and reduced-price eligibility.

Additional federal meal reimbursement is available to schools/districts that meet severe need criteria based on free and reduced-price eligibility. Students and families may qualify for other program fee reductions based on their eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Follow this link to fill out the application online: <https://www.nlappscloud.com/District.aspx?apply=1>

#### *Whom should I contact with questions about school lunch?*

Please contact our School Operations Specialist, Ms. Banas, at [Banas@parnassusprep.com](mailto:Banas@parnassusprep.com) or 763 496-1416 ext.264.

### School of Grammar Snack Time

In the School of Grammar, scholars have time each day for a healthy snack to give them the energy they need to learn and grow. We ask that student snacks are healthy, do not contain peanuts, and are easy for children to open independently. Many of our School of Grammar teachers have suggested ideas for healthy snacks, but sliced vegetables, cheese, yogurt, or fresh or dried fruit are always good options.



### Food Service Help Wanted

Our school catering company, CKC, is looking to hire a part-time food service worker to support meals at Parnassus. This staff member would aid in food preparation, meal service, and assist with general kitchen duties.

Rate: \$16.00/hour, paid weekly!

Hours: 8:00am-2:00pm (hours may vary)

Benefits: 401(k) matching, paid time off, day shift Monday to Friday

To apply: Contact Shannon Lilga, Human Resources, at 612-234-4156 or [shannon.lilga@ckcgoodfood.com](mailto:shannon.lilga@ckcgoodfood.com).

## Summer Learning and Reading:

### Returning Summer Reading Books

If you have checked out a copy of one of our summer reading books from the Parnassus office, please return it as soon as possible so that we have time to do inventory and check books out to classrooms for their upcoming book discussions of their summer reading.

### Summer Learning Packets

Thank you to all of our families and scholars for your diligent work on your summer learning assignments!

#### *School of Grammar*

School of Grammar students who have finished their summer work may drop it off with their homeroom teachers at Open House. If you still have a book from your summer work, please bring it to Open House, too. If you are unable to attend the Open House, you may bring your completed summer work with you on the first day of school.

#### *Schools of Logic and Rhetoric*

School of Logic and Rhetoric students will be accountable for completing their assigned summer reading as it will be part of their English class assignments during the first few weeks of school. Students who received math packets over the summer should submit those to their math teachers during the first week of school.

### Summer Reading Contest

We can't wait to hear all about the books you have been reading this summer! In September, we will be recognizing students who met or exceeded the summer reading requirements as part of our Summer Reading Contest. Please either turn in the reading log from your summer learning packet to your teacher or complete the online form beginning next Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am: <https://parnassus.info/read23> . The form must be completed by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in order to qualify.

## Other News & Updates:

### Teacher and Staff Workshop/Training

Beginning Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>, our staff and administration will begin staff workshop and training as we prepare for the school year. During this week, you will most likely experience delays in communication from principals while they are busy with staff. Thank you for your understanding.

### Office Closed the Afternoon of Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

The office will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, due to all-staff training. Please make note of this and adjust your plans for visiting the school accordingly.

### Facility Updates

Significant activity has taken place both inside and outside Parnassus since the commencement of the summer break. Various tasks, such as landscaping, grounds maintenance, playground safety inspections, and painting have been diligently carried out to enhance the school's overall appearance. Moreover, valuable improvements have been made to our School of Rhetoric science laboratory, including installing additional equipment and safety measures. This transformative development has been the culmination of a year-long process that will enable us to offer more advanced laboratory work for students in their science courses. We are confident that our students will appreciate these new and valuable additions. We also installed new shot clocks in the *Gymnasium* for the boys' and girls' basketball teams over the summer, which meet the regulation requirements of the Minnesota State High School League.

The severe winter and particularly arid summer of the past year have presented considerable challenges to the maintenance of our landscaping. However, we have fervently endeavored to preserve the health and appearance of all our plants, bushes, grass, and trees.

Over the summer, several of our staff members worked together on various projects such as painting, organizing our curriculum storage spaces, and more. We greatly appreciated their help and look forward to welcoming you all back to the building very soon!

## **Parnassus Finance Committee Seeking Additional Members**

The Finance Committee of the Parnassus school board is seeking additional members. The Finance Committee supports the Executive Director and the Board in the analysis of the school's budget and financial standing, serving an important advisory role. The committee reviews reports, assists with risk management and financial planning, and makes recommendations to the Board. The committee is chaired by the Board Treasurer and meets twice each month. Individuals who would be a good fit for the Finance Committee include those with previous experience or expertise in financial management, accounting, educational finance, nonprofit boards, or audit and compliance. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mr. Friess at [friess@parnassusprep.com](mailto:friess@parnassusprep.com).

## **The Parnassus Columns Newsletter**

*The Parnassus Columns* is our semimonthly newsletter that includes important information and updates for students and families. We send the newsletter electronically, directly to your email address and will post a PDF copy on Infinite Campus. Upon request, we are able to provide families with printed copies of the *Columns*. To ensure that all families get the information they need, please follow the link below to help our office staff update you as efficiently as possible. <https://parnassus1.wufoo.com/forms/parnassus-columns-updates/>.

## **Parnassus Is Hiring!**

Parnassus is seeking office administrative assistants and paraprofessionals to assist us at school. If you know someone who may be interested, please direct them to our website at <https://parnassusprep.com/about-us/careers/>.

## **2022-2023 Yearbooks – Available for Pickup Now!**

If you ordered a yearbook from the 2022-2023 school year, it will be available to pick up from your new homeroom teacher during the Open House. Any students who don't attend the Open House will receive their yearbook within the first few days of the school year. If you didn't purchase a yearbook, but would still like to, a limited number of extra copies can be purchased through the Infinite Campus School Store. Yearbooks will be mailed to all students who placed an order but are not returning to Parnassus for the 2023-2024 school year.

## **Athletics & Extracurricular Activities:**

### **Athletics**

Boys and Girls Cross Country starts on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. If you want to join Cross Country, please fill out the Parnassus registration forms at <https://parnassus-ar.schooltoday.com/>. If you are interested in joining one of the Parnassus-Brooklyn Center coop teams, please visit the following registration links for each:

- Football - <https://forms.gle/9s4novxLe2qerXEm9>
- Girls' Volleyball- <https://forms.gle/ENf5NBS69pvtNkXZ9>
- Girls' Soccer - <https://forms.gle/zVWULBDvM9LqFaHX7>
- Boys' Soccer - <https://forms.gle/CQUXbi9pP2k4g6op7>
- Girls' Tennis - <https://forms.gle/uOzS52zfGY9XEXMa7>
- Fall Cheer - <https://forms.gle/Gn9M7ghf4FfJGnCu9>

Fall Sports at Brooklyn Center start on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be an activity bus for scholars from Parnassus to Brooklyn Center starting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> that will run after school for all practices. Parnassus does not provide transportation to Brooklyn Center on game/match days. Please email Mr. Kasowicz with any questions at [kasowicz@parnassusprep.com](mailto:kasowicz@parnassusprep.com).

### **Upcoming Extra-curricular Activities**

We are excited to offer extra-curricular activities to students beginning the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. A list of fall activities, along with meeting dates and details can be found on our website here: <https://parnassusprep.com/parents/activities/>. At this time, information about most of the SOL and SOR competitions has yet to be announced by our partner organizations, and some may continue to hold virtual competitions this year. More information will be sent home as soon as it becomes available. If you have questions about activities, please contact Ms. Baddin at [baddin@parnassusprep.com](mailto:baddin@parnassusprep.com). New this year, registration for all extra-curricular activities is moving online! Registrations for all Parnassus activities can be completed at: <https://parnassus-ar.schooltoday.com/> by a parent/guardian. Registration is not complete until both the online registration form and payment have been submitted. Please note that first-time registrants will need to create an account in our system. The School of Grammar Chess, Bricker Builders, and Young Rembrandts classes are run by outside vendors, who require registration to be completed on their company's website. Please see the activity flier for these clubs for more information about registering.

# Looking Ahead...

## **August 2023**

- 08 Summer Reading Contest online form goes live – due Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm
- 08 SOL class schedules and locker information is mailed home and posted in Infinite Campus
- 08 SOR class schedules and locker information final update posted in Infinite Campus
- 08 Board meeting, 6:00pm
- 18 SOG Homeroom class assignments available in IC for families
- 21 Open House (all levels) 11:00am – 1:00pm
- 22 School begins – First day of Quarter 1 & Semester 1
  - Parent/guardian coffee from 7:45–8:30am in the Amphitheatre
- 24 Family handbooks go home today
- 24 Prima Meet Up for families 3:45-5:00pm - Quad
- 28 National Bowtie Day!
- 29 First Level Grammar (1G) Meet Up for families 3:45-5:00pm - Quad
- 30 SOG Parent/Guardian Virtual Coffee with the Principals 1:00pm – Zoom [parnassus.info/SOG](https://parnassus.info/SOG)
- 30 Second Level Grammar (2G) Meet Up for families 3:45-5:00pm – Quad
- 31 Third Level Grammar (3G) Meet Up for families 3:45-5:00pm - Quad

## **September 2023**

- 01 NO CLASSES (Staff only – staff development day)
- 04 NO SCHOOL
- 05 Fourth Level Grammar (4G) Meet Up for families 3:45-5:00pm - Quad
- 06 Student Senate (SOR) and Student Council (SOL) applications available in main office (due 9/15)
- 07 *Parnassus Columns* sent out today
- 07 Student directories posted in I.C.
- 07 MCA 2023 results mailed to families
- 08 Summer Reading Contest forms due at 4:00pm
- 12 NHS student applications available in main office (due 9/26)
- 12 Parents helping Parnassus (PhP) 8:30am – Zoom [parnassus.info/php](https://parnassus.info/php)
- 12 Board meeting, 6:00pm
- 13 School pictures today
- 13 SOL Parent/Guardian Virtual Coffee with the Principal 11:00am – Zoom [parnassus.info/SOL](https://parnassus.info/SOL)
- 15 SOL & SOR Add/Drop date for course registration/elective changes
- 15 SOR Honors Course designation forms sent home
- 15 Student Senate (SOR) and Student Council (SOL) speeches due to homeroom teachers