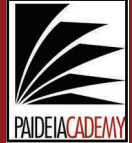


# Paideia Academy

August 10, 2012



## Calendar:

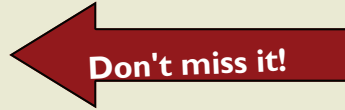
**August 16** - Curriculum Night, 6:30 PM

**August 21** - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

**September 3 & 4** - Labor Day, No School (Please note: this is 2 days off)

**September 19** - Picture retakes

**September 21** - Conferences, No School



### Our Vision

We envision a new generation of engaged, productive global citizens.

### Our Mission

The Mission of Paideia Academy is to challenge and inspire learners by providing a rigorous, content-rich, classical education incorporating languages, music, and the arts while nurturing positive character.

## From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

What an exciting first week we have had! It has certainly been a whirlwind of activity as we get to know new people, re-establish existing relationships, and incorporate new policies and procedures. Please take some time to read the revised Family Handbook that is currently available on our school website. We will take some time during Curriculum Night to review the policies outlined in this document, and teachers will be reviewing them with students during class and Advisory. This handbook was revised before the school year began, approved by the Board, and reviewed and slightly revised with the faculty, during the week before school began. Some of these changes may take some getting used to, but the hope is that they will support all of us in being the school we want to be.

I would like to thank our staff for providing our students with fantastic getting-to-know-you activities, thorough introductions to their content and classroom procedures, and opportunities to develop friendships. A thank you goes, as well, to all of you families for being so welcoming to those of us who are new to the Paideia community. I look forward to seeing you all at Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 16th, at 6:30pm. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Marci Levy-Maguire  
Director

## Curriculum Night

Join us for August 16 at 6:30 for Paideia Academy Curriculum night.

Please be prompt, the event starts right at 6:30 pm with classroom visits and rotations.

Then at 7:30 pm join us in the large Commons for a meet and greet with the new Paideia staff and a review of the Parents handbook / Policy and Procedures.

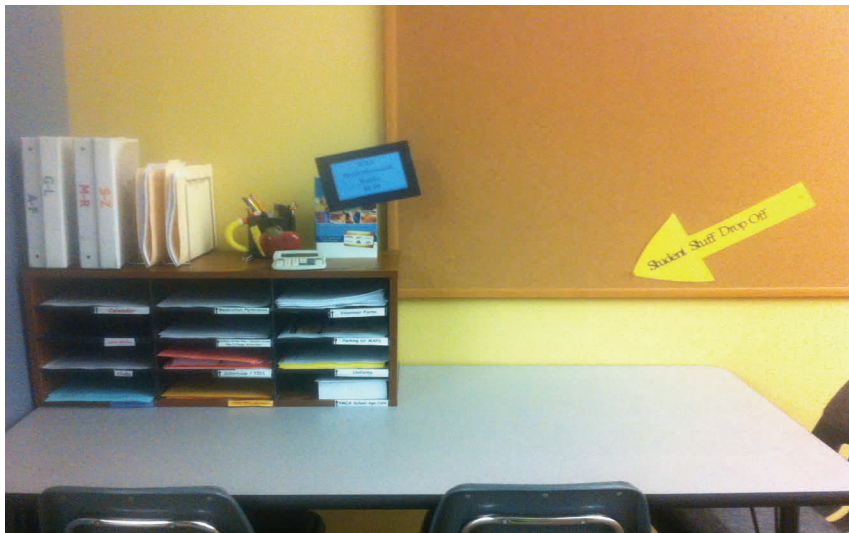
Hope to see you then!

## From the Office

**Please note:** New SchoolView applications will be processed by Friday, Aug 17.

### Did you know...

- We have a sorter bin with miscellaneous forms located in the lobby for your convenience.
- Volunteer logs and PTO forms are also located here.
- If your student forgets an item and you drop it off - please label it and place it on this table.



## CHECKS and CASH

**Important notes when making purchases or payments at Paideia**

**Always write your students name and the reason for the payment in the memo**

**Store and Scrip cannot be combined with other payments (different bank accounts)**

**PTO and Paideia are not the same – you must write separate checks**

**CASH? Put in envelope and write the name and reason for payment on the envelope**



# Help our school!



Our school can receive up to \$10,000 in Targetcards for books or any supplies we need.

Wouldn't that be great?

All we need to do is vote for our school each week until September 8.

**rally votes for our  
school today**



**For every 25 votes our school receives, Target will send our school a \$25 gift Card!**

Visit the Give with Target app at [Facebook.com/Target](https://www.facebook.com/Target) and vote!



# Scrip Cards for sale at the office!

Make your everyday purchases fundraiser for Paideia!



Dear Paideia Families:

Welcome to the new school year! It was great to meet many of you at Back to School Night and I hope the first week has been a good one for your families. We have some needs and reminders to bring to your attention.

- We are looking for parent volunteers to help make the most of the school's new workroom space. If you're skilled at organizing and finding creative storage solutions or building / hanging shelves, please contact us so we can put those skills to good use.
- We still need Grade Level Reps for most grades. If you'd like to support the teachers in your child's grade by coordinating volunteers for projects and helping to plan parties or events this is the role for you. Most of the work will be communicating via email so you can get volunteer hours as your schedule allows.
- You should have received a Volunteer Sign-up form and a form for the [Student Directory and Carpool](#) at Back to School Night. Please turn these in as soon as possible. If you need a form, the Directory forms can be found by the Volunteer Sign-in Logs and the [Volunteer forms](#) are located on the PTO board near the kitchen. Both forms are also available on the website.
- There are many ways to get involved at Paideia and we hope you find one that fits you. Feel free to contact me at [tmjohnson@gofast.am](mailto:tmjohnson@gofast.am) if you'd like help getting connected to opportunities or have any questions. You can also find PTO information and documents on the Paideia Academy website under Current Families . We're looking forward to working together with you to make it a great year!

Sincerely,  
Tedra Johnson  
Vice President, Paideia Academy PTO

## Community

### Adapted Programs

Throughout the year, a variety of programs are available for youth with developmental and/or physical disabilities through the City of Eagan. Visit [their website](#) for more information.

**Gifted and Talented: Karen Pettinger (NEW STAFF!)**

Welcome to a new school year with Paideia Academy! I feel honored to be part of an amazing staff. Let me tell you a little about myself. I am Karen Pettinger, the new Gifted and Talented Coordinator for the school. Previously I have taught 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. My most recent work was at a classical charter school in Saint Paul. I earned my B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and my M.A. in Education from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota as well as my certificate in Gifted Education.

I was born and raised in South Louisiana. After college I moved to North Carolina to work as a Youth Program Director for the YMCA. Here is where I met my husband, a native of Fargo. In 1994, we moved to Minnesota when my husband accepted a new position within his company. We have been here ever since! We currently live in Prior Lake with our two sons, William and Hampton. I enjoy reading, camping, swimming and traveling.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns via my voice mailbox or e-mail. I can be reached during the school day at 952.953.2600, ext. 202 and [kpettinger@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:kpettinger@paideiaacademy.org). My classroom webpage is under construction and will be available soon.

**Spanish: Jillian Sullivan (NEW STAFF!)**

Dear Families,

¡Saludos a los estudiantes y familias de Paideia! My name is Jillian Sullivan and I am excited to join the Paideia family as the new Spanish teacher.

I graduated with my degree in Elementary Education and Spanish from the University of Minnesota Duluth (Go Bulldogs!). I have been teaching Spanish to students in preschool through eighth grade for the past seven years. I enjoy teaching such a vibrant language and culture through songs, stories and a variety of activities for the different age levels.

There are many benefits for to learning the language age and I am thrilled to be a part of it. The Spanish language and culture has always been a passion of mine. I have studied in Mexico and completed my student teaching in Madrid, Spain. A few years ago I went to Peru to do some mission work and it was there where I met my husband. We are now living in Bloomington and raising our two-year old son in both languages.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email. You can reach me at the school phone number, which is 952-953-6200 ext. 212 or at [Jsullivan@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:Jsullivan@paideiaacademy.org). I am always happy to talk to the families of my students. You are the most important people in my students' lives!

**Physical Education: Mindy Daugherty**

Welcome Back to PE!

Looking forward to a fun filled quarter with lessons on the Olympics, soccer, flag football, fitness testing and perhaps some sand volleyball!! Lower academy, please remember to come to class ready to walk, jog and run! Upper academy, remember to be on time and wear your physical education uniform.

[mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org)

## General Music: Sarah Olson

Hello Paideia Families!

My name is Sarah Hruska Olson and I teach Kindergarten through fifth grade general music at Paideia through a partnership with MacPhail Center for Music. I will work with all K-4 students and 5th grade general music students. I am at Paideia on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Since I teach at other sites, I am often gone before the end of the school day; however, I check e-mail daily if you have questions for me. I am so excited to start another great year with all of you.

### Here are some concert and field trip dates to put on your calendars!

All concerts will take place in the great room at Paideia Academy at 6:30 pm.

- ◇ December 6-Upper Academy Band and Strings
- ◇ February 28-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade General Music
- ◇ March 14<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade General Music
- ◇ May 16<sup>th</sup>-Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade General Music

The Kindergarten K-4 Orchestra field trip will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>, pending final approval.

[solson@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:solson@paideiaacademy.org)

## Instrumental Music Teacher: Troy Strand

Hello!

My name is Troy Strand, the Upper Academy Music Teacher. I will be your child's band, orchestra, or general music teacher this year. I am very excited to share with you our plans for the 2012-2013 school year!

### Band & Orchestra

I want to make you aware of our two concerts this year.

- ◇ The Winter Music Concert will be on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. If your child will miss this important event, I must know **before November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Exceptional circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis after that date.
- ◇ The Spring Music Concert will take place on **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. Again, I must know about absences **before May 30<sup>th</sup>**. These two events and a culmination of the hard work we put into our programs and should only be missed in the most extreme circumstance. The themes for this year's concerts are going to be determined within the first couple weeks of school with student input. Stay tuned!

You are going to be receiving an email from Evernote regarding your child's participation in our band and orchestra programs. Evernote is a web utility that will be used to help you and your child track progress throughout the year and stay focused on musical growth. In the first couple weeks of school, you will receive an email that will allow me to automatically share "notes" with you during your child's lesson. These could be recordings of your child playing something for his or her class, a brief note from me to you, or an update to his or her quiz calendar that you will be able to see as soon as your child's lesson is over. It's going to be great! Please make sure you accept my invitation to Evernote so you can take advantage of this.

Due to popular demand, I have also decided to reinstate a practice calendar policy. They will be turned in three times a quarter and you will know well in advance of those collection dates. Fifth grade students are expected to practice 60 minutes a week, concert level students 80 minutes a week, and symphonic level students 100 minutes a week. This practice component will be 30% of your child's total grade and the playing quizzes your child takes will only count for 10%.

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### General Music

Due to the nature of music at Paideia Academy and the option for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in the same classes, General Music's curriculum is moving to a three-year rotation that will rotate between the three major pillars of musical study: Music History, Music Theory, and Music Performance. Our study this year will focus on **Music History**.

Our study of Music History will take us from Ancient-Baroque Music (Quarter 1), Classical Music (Quarter 2), Romantic Music (Quarter 3), and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music (Quarter 4). Your child will take part in several projects throughout the year including an **Opera Puppet Show** and a **Sonatina Composition**. More details about the curriculum will be communicated to you soon.

### New Students/Families

If you are new to Paideia Academy and/or your child is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, I will be sending more detailed information home about our program and policies soon. I will also be answering questions at Curriculum Night. [tstramd@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:tstramd@paideiaacademy.org)

## Computers: Andy Grover

I am Mr. Grover and am thrilled to be the Computer Teacher at Paideia Academy. I look forward to meeting your child and helping them choose technology and programs that they can use in their learning. Have a great start to the school year!

Students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade may use a flash drive to store their work. If you, as a parent do not want them to do this, there is a folder on the school network drives. I will review saving procedures with all students in the first few weeks of school. **Only** bring a flash drive if your name is on it. I will not keep drives that get left in the lab that are unlabeled.

**ALL STUDENTS:** Please bring **headphones/earbuds** that are **labeled** with your last name and in a sealable **plastic bag**.

Lower Academy students in K-3 will use Lexia during one of their two computer lab times. During their other weekly class they will complete paint and word processing projects during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Third Grade students will begin keyboarding instruction. Fourth and fifth grade computer classes will include keyboarding with Type to Learn 4 (the newest version), word processing and Publisher projects.

Upper Academy computer students in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will review keyboarding skills, produce word processing and Publisher documents, as well as work on core class projects. Syllabi will come home with 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students the first week of school. [agrover@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:agrover@paideiaacademy.org)

## Visual Arts: Jennifer Cooper

Welcome back Paideia friends and families! I am extremely excited for another great year in the visual arts department at Paideia. This year our K-8 students will be drawing, painting, creating in clay, and printmaking. Also keep a look out for special projects such as silk painting, plaster masks, and straw architecture!

Please remember that all students may choose to wear a paint shirt to art class in order to protect their uniforms. An old, large t-shirt works extremely well and is the best way that I can help your child stay clean in the art room.

Finally, families with students in grades five through eight will be receiving the art syllabus via email in the next few weeks. Please review this information to better understand the expectations, policies, and grading procedures for this year. [jcooper@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:jcooper@paideiaacademy.org)



Attention: 5th & 6th grade families

Dear Paideia Friends and Family,

Please be aware that the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will soon be starting a brief art history unit on the Italian Renaissance as outlined by Paideia's adopted Core Knowledge Sequence curriculum. During this unit, students will view and discuss various famous images of the time including:

Sandro Botticelli, The Birth of Venus  
Leonardo da Vinci, The Proportions of Man  
Leonardo da Vinci, The Last Supper  
Michelangelo, Ceiling of the Sistine Chapel  
Michelangelo, David  
And others

Many of these images contain both nude figures and religious icons. As a teacher I will be following the Rights and Responsibilities of Paideia Academy as outlined in the family handbook for this unit (and every art unit). Feel free research these works prior to our study for more info.

Part of this policy states that Paideia members will act respectfully, responsibly, and will be sensitive to others' beliefs and differences. I expect all students to act in this mature manner as we begin this Italian Renaissance Unit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me using the email address below.

Thank You,  
Mrs. Jennifer Cooper  
K-8 Art Instructor  
[jcooper@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:jcooper@paideiaacademy.org)