



# Berkshire Waldorf High School

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Summer 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope that you are having a good and restful summer! The teachers, staff, and I are looking forward to welcoming you—or welcoming you back—to what promises to be an excellent school year in September. Please read below for a wealth of back-to-school information.

## INFORMATION

Our back-to-school information, including this letter, may be found on the school's website, [berkshirewaldorf.com](http://berkshirewaldorf.com). Please note the address, and please check it often! You will not receive a paper mailing, but should download the forms you need from the website.

- **School Calendar.** All current calendar information for 2017-2018 is posted in our online calendar: <http://berkshirewaldorf.com/events/>. (Click on the “News and Events” tab in the upper right corner of our main page.)
- **Student Book List**—Required books for the coming year. Please obtain before the opening of school! (New York State residents have many of these provided by their districts. The Book List will specify any book(s) not provided for NY students, or if a teacher is ordering books that will be billed separately.)
- **Student Supply List**—Required items for the start of school and every day after that. We cannot emphasize enough how important it is to have these supplies available every day—even if they are not used for a few weeks at a time, when they are needed, they are needed!
- **Orientation at Camp Hi-Rock**, September 6-8, information letter, including packing list.
- **Zoology at Hermit Island**, September 17-23 (Seniors only).
- **Student & Parent Handbook**. Especially if you are new to our school, please read this document. It contains lots of information that will ease your transition to our school community. Note that it contains a new section at the beginning, “New Student Orientation,” and includes general guidelines for written work.

## FORMS

Also, please find posted the following forms that need to be returned by the first day of school:

- Student information form, including:
  - Emergency contact information
  - Medical information
  - Emergency consent to authorize treatment
  - Dismissal authorization
  - Authorization and release to photograph
  - Field trip authorization.
- Physician's health form. (You may substitute another form and records as long as they have been completed in the calendar year prior to September 9, 2015.) Massachusetts law requires each student athlete to have a physical exam every year; if you plan to play soccer, basketball, or tennis, you need a physical.
- Immunization record.
- Immunization waiver (optional).
- Allergy-Asthma Action Plan.
- Internet acceptable use agreement—Students and Parents.
- Student driver/passenger authorization.



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- Soccer team permission and schedule (more information will be posted soon).

Other information—parent, student, and teacher contact information, and seminar, arts, and daily schedules—will be available later in the summer and handed out at the Back-to-School Picnic at the school on September 1. For those who cannot attend the picnic, this information will also be available on the first day of school.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL CALENDAR

Here is information about the days leading up to and including the opening of school:

**Sat. Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-Noon. School Cleaning and set-up for fall.** Join our community as we prepare our school building for the fall. This is a great opportunity to catch up after the summer, meet new families, and help us prepare for the year ahead. We provide all cleaning supplies.

**Fri., Sept. 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Back-to-school pot-luck supper** at the school. Welcome new families and get reacquainted. Please plan for at least one member of each family to attend and bring a dish to share; there will be an **all-school meeting (parents, students, teachers) at 6:30 p.m.** Please park on Main Street and walk to the school!

**Wed., Sept. 6, First day of school.** Half day. Students should arrive at school no later than 8:15 a.m. in assembly dress—jacket and tie for boys; modest skirt, dress, or dress slacks for girls, please. No denim, no sneakers. Please note: This is a school day and students will have a first seminar class; they should be prepared for this with required books and school supplies!

**Wed., Sept. 6-Fri., Sept. 8, Orientation at Camp Hi-Rock.** We will leave for Camp Hi-Rock at 1 p.m. Transportation and other details available later in the summer. (Please note: Packing list, camp medical form, and other information regarding Orientation is posted online. Medical form is due on or before the first day of school.)

**Sun., Sept. 17-Sat., Sept. 23, Senior Class trip to Hermit Island, Maine,** to study tide-pool zoology. Information available online and at school after the school year begins.

**Please note:** Enrollment contracts for 2017-2018 school year should already be set up and signed within the TADS system. Students of families who do not have a contract set up will not be allowed to attend school, per Board of Trustees' policy. All contracts have been sent via e-mail through TADS. Please contact Penny Saupé, Business Manager, [business@berkshirewaldorf.com](mailto:business@berkshirewaldorf.com), with any questions about your contract.

Please call or email if you have questions about this letter or anything else, and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Stephen Sagarin, Ph.D., Faculty Chair