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Dear Students and Parents,

I hope that you are enjoying a good and restful summer. I also hope you are happy to turn your thoughts toward fall and our return to school. The teachers and I are looking forward to seeing you again—or meeting you for the first time—and, following the past year-and-a-half, to a return to as close to normal a school year as possible. As opening day approaches, please watch for another letter with further guidance regarding coronavirus.

Regardless, we are clear that we will meet in person, in real life, and that we will begin the year with our traditional Orientation at Camp Hi-Rock. [Click here for more information about that.](#)

Please recall that we are in session Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The school building will be open at 7:45 a.m. each day. We will also continue to hold some classes in the Congregational Church.

We are working on the schedule, and will re-introduce electives, for which students will sign up during Orientation.

We will also participate in Shakespeare & Company's Fall Festival again; more details once school begins.

And we will revive our sports program, including fall soccer. We are still seeking a coach—if you have any suggestions, please send them our way. Further, we will know shortly after August 18 if we have been admitted to the MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association), which will make it possible for our students to join teams at Monument High School.

We look forward to welcoming you—or welcoming you back—to a great school year in September. For now, please read below for a wealth of back-to-school information.

CALENDAR

Current calendar information for 2021-2022 is posted on our online calendar, [here](#), or click on the “News and Events” tab in the upper right corner of our home page, then select “Calendar.” Check your email and the website calendar for up-to-date information.

INFORMATION

Back-to-school information, including this letter, may be found under the “Back to School Information” tab in the upper left corner of our home page, berkshirewaldorf.com, or at [this link](#).

Student Book List. Required books for the coming year. Please obtain before the opening of school! (New York State residents only: Please note that most of these books are provided via the **Questar** program. Follow this link to get started: <https://www.questar.org/services/educational/textbook-coordination-service/>)

- **Student Supply List.** Required items for the start of school and every day after that. Students may keep supplies in their lockers or cubbies at the school so they are available when needed.

- **Student & Parent Handbook.** This document contains lots of information for all members of our school community. If 2021-2022 is your first year at our school, please read to ensure a smooth transition.
- **Transportation.** Students who ride the BRTA to and from Great Barrington (the route number is 21) and other towns, may find the schedule [here](#).

REQUIRED FORMS

Find the forms listed below under the “Back to School Information” tab on our website, berkshirewaldorf.com. Please download, print, and complete the following forms and get them to Ms. Blexrud by Wednesday, August 25. You may mail them to Berkshire Waldorf High School, PO Box 905, Great Barrington, MA 01230, or scan and email them to office@berkshirewaldorf.com.

- Student Driver & Passenger Information form**
- Student Information and Permission form**, including sections for:
 - Health & Emergency Contacts
 - Medical Information
 - Consent & Authorization Regarding Emergency Medical Treatment
 - Dismissal Authorization
 - Consent to Photograph
 - Field Trip Permission
- Internet Acceptable Use Agreement**, signed by student and parent
- Physical Health Record** (aka Medical Form, Doctor’s Form) You may substitute another form/record as long as they have been completed per the dates below:
 Student athletes: Massachusetts law requires each student athlete playing on their school team to have a physical exam every year. If you plan to participate in our athletics program, you need a physical dated September 8, 2020 or later.
 Students not playing sports: Your physical must be dated September 8, 2019 or later.
- Either the **Certification Immunization Form** or a **Religious Exemption Form**
- Allergy-Asthma Action Plan.** If you have one, provide it for your safety.
- Camp Hi-Rock Group Camping Waiver & Health Form**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DATES AND EVENTS

TBD. 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 meet new families, and help us prepare for the year ahead. We provide cleaning supplies, but feel free to bring your favorites.

TBD. Back-to-school pot-luck supper at the school to welcome new families and get reacquainted. There will be an **all-school meeting (parents, students, teachers) at 6:30 p.m.** Please plan for at least one member of each family to attend and bring a dish to share. Please bring your completed back-to-school forms. And please park on Main Street and walk to the school.

Wed., Sept. 8. First day of school. Academic half day. Students should arrive at school no later than 8:15 a.m. in assembly dress—see the Handbook for details. 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. Students will have time at school to change out of assembly dress before heading to Camp Hi-Rock.

Wed., Sept. 8 through Fri., Sept. 10. Orientation at Camp Hi-Rock. We will leave for Camp Hi-Rock at 1 p.m. on September 8, following a lunch break after morning classes. Packing list, required camp form, and other information regarding Orientation is posted online. Please note: There is a \$150 per student fee for Orientation.

Sun., Sept. 19 through Fri., Sept. 24. 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 2021-2022 school year should already be set up and signed within the TADS system. All contracts have been sent via e-mail through TADS. Please contact Patrick White, Business Manager, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Sagarin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen Sagarin, Ph.D.
Executive Director & Faculty Chair