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Hello Cougar Families!

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We hope your summer was filled with joy, rest, and meaningful moments with family and friends. As we prepare to open our doors for another year of learning, we want to express how excited we are to welcome your children back to school. Our staff has been working hard to create a positive, engaging, and safe environment where every student can thrive! We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year to ensure a successful and memorable experience for all!

As we continue to "Envision Excellence Every Day at DGS" we are asking you to mark your calendars for the upcoming dates and important information:

- 1. Our "Back to School Reunion" will be on **Monday, August 11th @ 6PM**. This will begin in the school gymnasium. You will have the opportunity to meet our awesome teachers + staff, explore the classrooms, and learn more about the exciting year ahead.
 - Please see Back to School Flier for Open House Details: Back to School Reunion
 - Liee for Purchase: Kona Ice Truck on the Back Patio: 5:30PM-7:30PM
 - 🐾 Open House: Begins at **6:00PM** with a brief welcome meeting in the gym
 - * Athletic Meeting: for ALL planning to participate in athletics: 7:00PM DGS Gymnasium
- 2. The first day of <u>school</u> will be **Wednesday**, **August 13th**.

The school building opens at 7:20AM for students who attend the morning faith formation program. Students should not arrive prior to 7:20AM. **Students not attending the morning faith formation program should not arrive until after 7:40 AM** and should wait in the school gymnasium for the first bell to ring at 8:20AM. If you are interested in attending faith formation you can <u>sign up at open house</u> or email Angie Toennies (stdamian1861@gmail.com). High School students who ride the bus need to be at school by 7:20. The bus will leave at 7:25AM.

- 3. The first day of <u>faith formation</u> will be **Monday, August 18th.**We encourage all students to arrive <u>AFTER 7:40 AM</u> on Wednesday-Friday, August 13th-15th. The first bell rings at 8:20AM.
 - 4. The **Preschool** program will have an Open House on Monday, August 18th at 1:00 PM. The first day of Preschool will be Wednesday, August 20th. We welcome Ms. Hannah Rickoff as our Pre-K teacher and Ms. Kristina Thomas as our Pre-K paraprofessional.

We are looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year full of learning, laughter, and growth. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

See You Soon! Mrs. Amanda Beer & Mr. Kent Hawley