

October 20, 2023

Marlin Families,

Congratulations on the completion of the first quarter of this school year! With the arrival of Fall, our students and teachers remain engaged in enriching experiences and are active not only on campus, but around the state, as well. This week we enthusiastically extended the location of learning activities with Lower School field trip excursions to both the pumpkin patch and to Hobcaw Barony. In the Upper School, our Quiz Bowl team travelled to Orangeburg to compete against other SCISA schools in a tournament where teams answered questions in all areas of knowledge including history, literature, science, current events, pop culture and sports. Athletically, Lowcountry Prep hosted our second cross country meet of the year. Participants from Conway Christian, Saint Elizabeth Seton, Charleston Collegiate, Crown Leadership and Christian Academy of Myrtle Beach joined our runners for their final race of the season.

Fin Friends

The introduction of our Fin Friends program brought additional excitement to the campus this week. For Fin Friends, every Lowcountry Prep student was partnered with a big buddy / little buddy (or both). The groups were intentionally designed so our students could develop meaningful connections across divisions. The grade-level buddies were constructed around the following framework:



Kindergarten & 12 th	
1 st , 4 th & 8 th	2 nd , 5 th & 9 th
3 rd , 7 th & 10 th	6 th & 11 th



To develop relationships and build community, the Fin Friends buddy groups will meet monthly throughout the year. They will spend time together and work collaboratively to complete structured activities. For the introductory meeting this week, each group was tasked with tracing their

hands onto sheets of red and white construction paper. The handprints were then cut out and each handprint will be used to create an American flag that will be on display at our Veteran's Day Celebration on November 10th.

Communication Schedule

In an effort to ensure our Marlin families know all the great things happening at school, we are making some adjustments to our communication schedule. We realize that email inboxes fill up quickly, so our administrative team is working to consolidate the number of emails sent from Lowcountry Prep. Moving forward, our Friday Marlin Mail may be a bit more robust in its details, but our goal is to get the majority of the community updates included in that weekly distribution. Along with the



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logistics found in the Marlin Mail, each week there will also be a newsletter distributed to the community. The focus of the newsletter will shift each week from administrative (this week) to Lower School (next week), followed by Middle School and then Upper School. Each newsletter will be division specific and highlight both student and teacher accomplishments. Be on the lookout for those inspirational communications in the coming weeks!

Family Satisfaction Survey

Each year, Lowcountry Prep sends out family satisfaction surveys in October and March. As partners in this process of education, your parental feedback is essential for the continued growth and development of our program. This October survey will be open for one week, until 3:00 pm on October 27th and can be found by following this [link](#). Please know your input is valued and we sincerely hope that you will take the time to respond and contribute to our pursuit of the ideal learning environment.

Regards,

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