Dear Parents,

Spring is in full swing — another weather, longer days and the anticipation of summer. But the year is not over yet! And we have a lot of work and fun planned for Quarter 4.

On April 20th, we held our monthly Coffee & Conversation. With over 30 parents in attendance, it was our biggest turn out yet. We discussed our commitment to the high school admissions process and parental involvement in this process throughout the year. Our main goal was to make sure that our parents are aware of the various options available at School in the Square (S2), and that we will do our best to keep them informed about important dates and deadlines. As such, it is a great idea to keep an eye on our Calendar and check for updates.

To celebrate the end of the school year, we are looking forward to our Field Trip to a Mets game at Citi Field on May 4th. By now you should have received a permission slip — please return this promptly, as knowing if you’re interested in joining us, will help us to finalize parent chaperone.

Finally, with summer around the corner, we always encourage you to look in your parent teacher conference folder (which you will receive during your conference) for information about Summer in the Square — a weekly program that encourages all families to explore something new, engaging and fun this summer.

With the start of a new quarter, we’re moving on to Passions electives! For the first time, our students will have the opportunity to learn the ancient practice of martial arts through a partnership with Jiu-Jitsu and Judo for All (JFA). JFA is dedicated to giving students opportunities to find balance within themselves through physical and mental complexities.

For the first time, our students will have the opportunity to design and teach their own electives! This will give our students an opportunity to inspire others, as well as to pass on their passions and skills to their classmates.

We are excited to welcome our very first art teacher, Sophie Burton. Sophie is excited to join S2. She hopes that she can pass her passion for art onto our students and inspire them to be creative individuals.

Sophie is a highly motivated teacher with over 10 years of experience teaching Visual Arts and Drama in New York City. She was born and raised in Australia and has lived in the United States for the past 12 years, teaching in New York City. She has a natural talent for inspiring students and has a passion for art education. She is currently teaching at S2 as a secondary teacher and will be teaching visual and digital art electives.

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