



August 8, 2024

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you as we near the start of the 2024-25 school year! It is with joy and anticipation that we will soon gather in the legacy of excellence that defines Erie Day School.

Our teachers and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure students have a successful transition back to school. Your child(ren) is at the heart of our community. The enthusiasm, curiosity and ambition exhibited by our learners inspire us to be at our best come September 3rd!

This year we are set to embark on a journey of continued innovation and excellence. Our commitment to providing a well-rounded education remains steadfast and we eagerly embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. From advanced academic programs to enriching extracurricular activities, we are dedicated to nurturing the holistic development of every child.

As we finalize preparations, let us hold near the lessons of the past and aspirations of the future. Together, our EDS community will uplift, support and empower our children to embrace challenges, celebrate victories and feel our encouragement!

I am honored to serve your family in my fourteenth year as your head of school. I look forward to growing our list of collective achievements that await in the days and months to come!

Yours in education,

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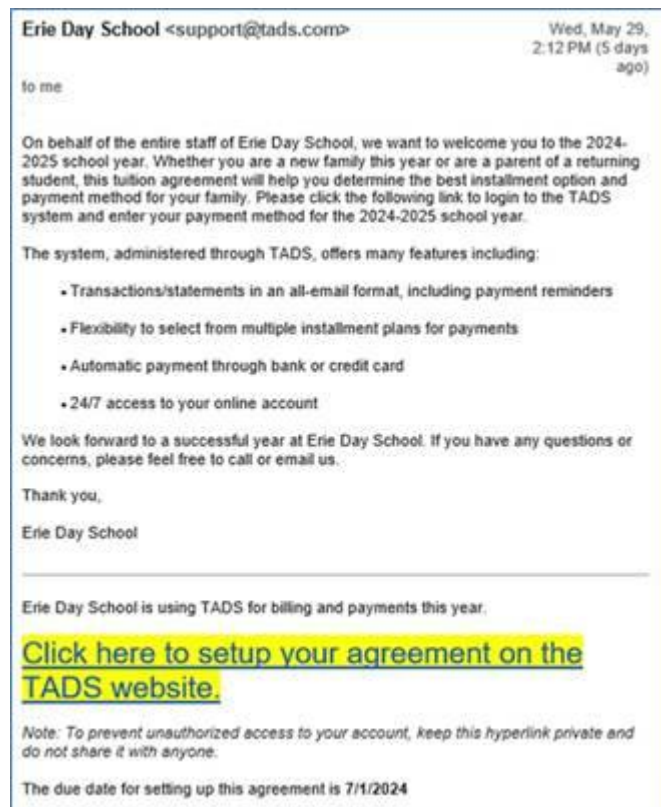
Dr. Karen K. Tyler

Updates from the Business Office (Miss Savannah Grosch)

For the 2024-2025 school year, Erie Day School is excited to announce we will be upgrading and updating SchoolSpeak and Blackbaud Tuition Management. Through the parent company of Community Brands, we are using TADS and EDUCATE! TADS will be the new tuition management system and EDUCATE the new student/class management system. *There are a couple of steps that you as the parent/guardian need to complete to make this transition happen.*

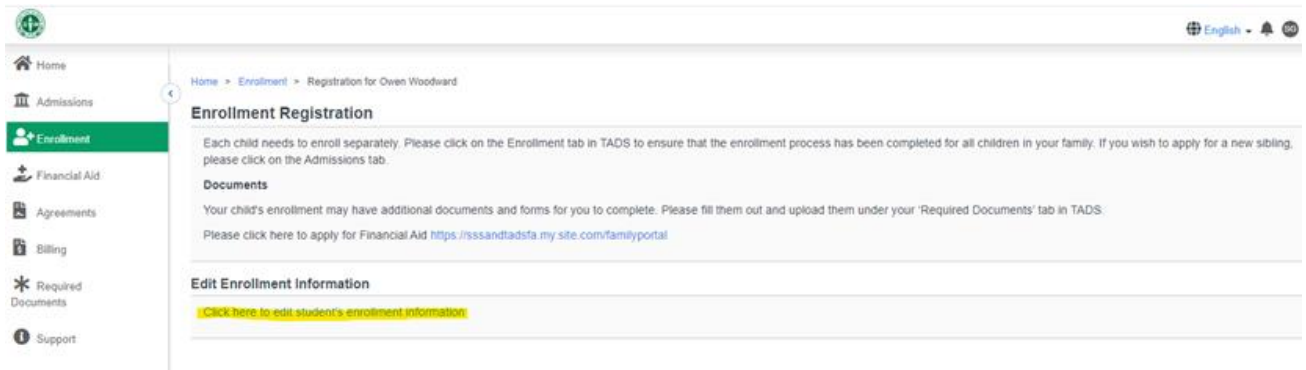
1. **TO SET UP TADS:** All parents should have an email like the screen shot on the next page from support@tads.com, or sgrosch@eriedayschool.com. The link provided in the email is specific to your family; please do not share! Following the opening of the link, you will be brought to the sign in screen where each parent can create a new account. ***From there, you will agree to electronic FORMS and SIGNATURES.***

Then you will select the payment plan desired for the 24-25 tuition and add payment method. Payment options include automatic credit card payments, automatic bank payments or a monthly invoice. Once selected, you will agree to the Tuition Agreement and Terms. This is similar to the paper copy you signed back in Jan./Feb. TADS will be used for tuition, extended day payments, sports fees, performing arts fees, tax information, etc..



2. **UPDATING ENROLLMENT FORMS:** The second step in our transition will be to update any enrollment forms and information. After creating your billing agreement, you will select *ENROLLMENT on the left hand side*. Click on the enrollment number to

enter your students account. Push the “Click here to edit student’s enrollment information”. From there, click through each tab (e.g. Student, Household, Grandparents, Contacts, etc.) to update any information. There is an edit button under each of those sections. (This information replaces the paper forms required at the beginning of each school year.) See visual on the next page.



TO SET UP EDUCATE: The third and final step in your new online management tool is to set up your Educate account. Follow these steps outlined through the following hyperlink: [Educate Household Portal for Parents](#)

News from the Development Office (Mrs. Christina Katen)

- **Erie Gives** takes place this Tuesday, August 13th from midnight to midnight! To Bookmark Erie Day School's donation page- [click here](#). Some of our families elect to donate their Annual Fund thru Erie Gives. If you made this election during Enrollment, thank you and we look forward to your contribution.
- **Grandparents & Special Friends Form.** In your Back-to-School paperwork, you will see the Grandparent & Special Friends form. This form is used to generate the invitations for Grandparents & Special Friends Day [to be held November 8th]. Please include complete addresses so that we can ensure that the day is perfectly planned for your student.
- The second Annual **Founding Mothers Gathering** will take place on Sunday, October 6th from 11a - 1 pm. Mark your calendar and be a part of 100 women who come together to raise funds for our students. Proceeds from this year's event will support beautification and accessibility to our campus through the installation of a pathway that connects our campus walkways to the Sixth Street sidewalk.
- Watch for the first edition of **The Happenings** on Thursday, August 29th. You will find the newsletter in your inbox and an announcement will be posted on our socials. Be sure to also follow our FB & Insta (eriedayschool1929) for important reminders - and fun photos.

August and September Dates to Remember

August 8	Early Childhood Back-to-School Night	6:30-7:30pm in Fish Gymnasium *Babysitting available
Mondays and Wednesdays, August & September	Cross Country for Middle School Students in Grades 5-8	3:30-4:30pm at the front of campus *See Announcements in Educate for Registration information
TBD	Tennis for Students in Grades 4-8	*Practice and game information at Frontier Park to come. See Announcements in Educate for Registration information.
August 13	Erie Gives Day	12:00pm – 11:59pm https://www.eriegives.org/organizations/erie-day-school
August 27	Cross Country for Grades 1-4 Students Begins Login to TADS & Educate with your UN & PW sent	3:30-4:30pm at the front of campus *See Announcements in Educate for XC Registration forms
August 28	Grades 4-8 Locker and School Supply Move-In Grade 5 Team Building Lower and Middle School Back-to-School Night (for Parents of Students in Grades K-8) Class of 2025 (Grade 8) Parent and Student Meeting	12:00-1:00pm 1:00-3:00pm 6:30-7:30pm in Fish Gymnasium *Babysitting available 7:30-8:30pm in English Classroom and Taft Library
Tuesdays & Thursdays, August & September	Cross Country for Lower School Students in Grades 1-4	3:30-4:30pm at the front of campus *See Announcements in Educate for XC Registration forms
September 2	No School	Labor Day
September 3	First Day of School Parent Group's Welcome Coffee Early Childhood Student Dismissal at 10:30am	Front lawn
September 4	Early Childhood Student Dismissal at 11:30am (full-day begins Sept. 5)	

September 5, 19, 26	Cross Country Scrimmages for Students in Grades 1-8	Frontier Park *Times TBA
September 6	Founders Day Morning Meeting Parent Group's Ice Cream Social	8:30-9:00am in the Fish Gymnasium for Mr. Gutowski's historical presentation of EDS 3:30-5:00pm on the playground (north side of campus)
September 13	Morning Meeting Parent Forms due	8:30-8:45am Celebrations & Information Parents submit emergency forms electronically through TADS
September 16	Grades 5-8 Student Council Elections process begins	
September 18, 19, 20	Camp Fitch Overnights for Students in Grades 3 & 4 (2 nights)	
September 20	Morning Meeting	8:30-9:00am in the Fish Gymnasium Celebrations & Information
September 23	Autumn School Portraits Student Council Campaigns begin	
September 27	Two Morning Meetings: Police Officers Visit Students in Grades Toddler-4 & Middle School Student Council Elections	



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Learning today, leading tomorrow.