



NOTES FROM SPARTAN LANE

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Greetings from Spartan Lane,

Happy Father's Day! I hope all of our dads are looking forward to a fantastic weekend ahead, and I hope you and your family are enjoying a quality start to the summer.

The campus is a bit quieter now that both the students and the faculty have started their summer holiday; however, we are busy with student athletes practicing and getting into shape. Many boys' and girls' teams are working out together, and it is good to see their dedication, especially in the heat of Georgia. We are also in our second week of summer camps and programs. On Monday, the Kindness Camp ventured over to the Chambers Center to help us celebrate Flag Day. It was great to see them, and we spent some time looking at turtles in the pond along with seashells and other things from the bookshelf in my office. It was fun to see their enthusiasm and joy over the smallest things.

Personally, I love this time as Olympic trials are in full swing for swimming, and track and field gets underway tomorrow. To think of the hours and hours of hard work honing one's craft that are required to make the Olympic team is inspiring. It is also fun to watch because a number of swimmers who train at Georgia's Ramsey Center are making the team. In the end, there will likely be six or more from UGA making the trip to Tokyo. They will trade in their "G" swim cap for one with an American flag, and that is simply awesome! If you have not tuned in to any of the trials, I encourage you to take a look.

Our leadership team spent two days last week wrapping up last school year and leaning into next school year. We made positive progress and feel great about more steps toward normalcy on our campus. Looking ahead, I can say that we are moving away from strict cohorts, and we are planning on overnight experiences for our students. The biggest help toward these goals is a higher vaccination rate in Northeast Georgia. Yes, this is a personal choice, and I hope more and more Spartans are getting vaccinated over the summer. We will be sharing updates in early July, so please be on the lookout for this information.

Enjoy the days ahead and take good care,

John Thorsen
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