



NOTES FROM SPARTAN LANE

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Greetings from Spartan Lane,

Happy summer! Everyone in the Spartan community has earned a well-deserved holiday. A special thank you to our amazing faculty and staff, who have done fantastic work with our students over the course of the past school year. Our community is strong, and it has been awesome to celebrate our students' accomplishments over the past week. I am not aware of many schools that averaged over \$100,000 in scholarship monies for each member of the senior class, as the Class of 2021 was well over \$8 million total in financial awards, not including the Zell Miller or Hope Scholarships.

Our campus will be active this summer, with over 300 students signed up for summer programs starting on June 7, summer practices for a number of our teams, and several construction projects, all of which will benefit our students and community come the start of our new school year in August. These campus improvements are thanks to donors who prioritize the health and well-being of our school's future. As you know, there will be various orientations and other important meetings, but the first official day of school will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021. We will have quite a few new families on our campus, and we thank you for reaching out and welcoming them to our community.

I have not had time to gain any real perspective on this past school year, but I can say with certainty that I am grateful for our Spartan community. There were many tough decisions made over the course of the academic year, and our people were graceful and understanding of the circumstances. I am excited about the summer holiday, yet at the same time I am looking forward to a return to normalcy this fall. [One thing we can do to assist our return to normalcy is a higher rate of vaccinations in NE Georgia, so please help our community understand the value of getting vaccinated.](#) Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy each and every day of the summer holiday. Each one of you has earned some time in the sun!

See you before we know it,

John Thorsen
Head of School