

August 8th, 2022

To our entire Panther Family of Parents, Care givers, and Students:

As the Calendar turns to August and school comes fast approaching, I wanted to take a moment and say welcome!

My name is Brad Lofgren, and I am your Dean of Students. I joined the Drauden Point family last January, and as such, I have yet to have the opportunity to welcome everyone to the start of a brand new school year.

The last few years have taught us so many new and exciting things as we nimbly all tried to adjust to changes in education. We've learned and adapted to new technologies, we've become quick thinkers and strengthened our ability to nimbly change course with flexibility. We've become more supportive of each others' emotional needs and become problem solvers.

As Drauden Point begins its 21st year, we look forward to incorporating all these new skills and experiences as we continue to strive for excellence in academics, personal development, and community building. Our theme for the year is to INVEST IN YOUR BEST, and I am so excited to see all the amazing things your children will accomplish this year.

My role as the Dean of Students is to help students succeed by being a resource for them. In general, I hope to support them by transparently providing guidance as it relates to our student handbook. When everyone knows, understands, and adheres to the district's policies, the Panther community will be safer, more supportive, and more equitable. When we succeed, we celebrate, and when we fall down, we pick each other up, learn from our mistakes, and grow.

My personal goal for the year is to communicate with students, staff, and families routinely - previewing expectations, celebrating our successes, and being a cooperative problem solver when we come across difficulties.

In that spirit, I will be providing some streamlined highlights from our student handbook to you in the coming days before school starts. (Our handbook is 44 pages long, printed in a font that some of us might need glasses to read.) Hopefully these highlights will inspire a conversation or two with your families and students - giving everyone the confidence of knowing certain processes, procedures, and expectations - so that the start of the year is successful for all.

As we are still on summer break, I may be away from email regularly, but as the school year starts, know that I welcome any questions, comments or concerns. I am committed to helping Drauden Point start its next 20 years as a place of purpose, joy, and support.

Sincerely,
Brad Lofgren