

## Start of Year Program Forms

We are making a full organizational change to Veracross, a school-management software system meant to replace both Gradelink and Tuition Management/Blackbaud. You should have already received an email about how to sign up for a Veracross account. While changing systems is always a temporary hassle, the long-term effect should be to centralize all of our information, assist with scheduling and communication, and make the entire experience much more user-friendly. If you have specific questions, please feel free to reach out as they arise.

This may or may not delay the start-of-year forms. Most of what we ask is pretty standard, but I do want to highlight the pick-up waiver form. This waives your right to have us vet who is picking your child up at the end of the day. Completing this form is entirely optional, but if you plan on having multiple people available for pickup (including Uber/Lyft) other than legal guardians, it's a good way to save yourself many phone calls or emails from the front desk each time this happens. Of course, this is at your discretion and based on your assessment of safety needs. If you have already filled out the form once you do not need to do so again.

If your child is their own legal guardian, we cannot restrict them from leaving the building. While we ensure that everyone in Capstone is here under their own consent, in this case that is legally true as well.

## Staff Changes

We are excited to announce that Laura Bremseth will be moving to the position of College and Career Readiness instructor! Laura has been with the Capstone program as an Employment Support Specialist for the last six months and I have been impressed with her dedication, her building of student rapport, and her intelligence and communication skills. Laura is a licensed Special Education teacher with 11 years of teaching experience, including two with the Peace Corps in Cambodia.



## Welcome Mr. Joey!

We are also excited to announce the hiring of Joey Benning as a Community Engagement Coach. Joey comes to us from a comparable charter school for individuals with ASD and has years of experience supporting individuals with their social and emotional needs. Joey will be joining Nick in the planning of our Friday community events, our overnights, and our Choice Social activities, as well as serving as a support person in the classroom. Joey joined us on July 8th and I've already been very impressed with his ability to connect with and build relationships with our participants.

## Congrats to our Graduates!

This will be our first year with graduates from the program (we define a graduate as anyone who completed at least two full years of programming). Congrats to Sarah Frisk, Nick Peterson, and Terrance O' Brien! I've really enjoyed working with and getting to know all three of them over the last few years. Two of them will be continuing with us on Social Fridays, a bridge that I assume will exist for a fair number of our participants. We will be celebrating their accomplishments with a presentation of certificates @2pm on August 2nd, along with an awards ceremony for all of our participants.

**With Sincere Appreciation,**  
**Michael Faeth**  
**Director of Adult Education**

**August**  
2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2 Capstone Community Celebration
5	6	7	8	9 Urban Air
12	No Programming!			16
19	No Programming!			23
26 Start of New Program Year	27	28	29	30 Minnehaha Falls/ Dairy Queen

*Please note: This calendar is subject to change.*

\*Lunch included: Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items on community-based trips.

