



WASHINGTON
Waldorf School

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Dear WWS Community,

Many of you have reached out to me in the last few weeks to express your interest in joining with others at WWS to help raise awareness of the systemic racism that exists in our nation. As a school, we have the opportunity to lead in this effort through education, discussion, and action.

Our Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice has been busy planning a summer education series to bring our school together in this effort, and I am very grateful to its members for their many hours of work. I particularly want to thank Dr. Irene Calis, current parent and Professorial Lecturer in the areas of Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies at American University, and Katea Stitt, alumni parent and Program Director at WPFW, for arranging the participation of speakers and discussion leaders for several of the sessions.

The summer series will take place **every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.** beginning July 7th and ending August 25th. We hope you will join us every week as we learn about and discuss these longstanding issues.

Schedule for July - *These sessions will focus on building foundational knowledge.*

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| July 7th | Racism 101 Teach-in with Dr. Irene Calis, Katea Stitt, and Dawn Tanner |
| July 14th | Policing, Mass Incarceration, and White Supremacy with Dr. Orisanmi Burton, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at American University and 2020-2021 Fellow at The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University |
| July 21st | Black Lives Matter: BLM leaders speak about the movement |
| July 28th | Book Conversation: <i>So You Want to Talk About Race</i> |

The meetings will occur in [Zoom Meeting Room 919-287-9477](https://us.zoom.us/j/919-287-9477) each week, and we will send out weekly invitations to remind you of the sessions. The schedule for August will be available in mid-July. Please note that we will discuss the first of my recommended summer books, *So You Want to Talk About Race*, at the end of July. We will discuss the second book, *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, at the end of August. I hope this schedule gives you time to read each book in advance.

Please join the Committee and me each week for these important conversations.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer".

Jennifer Page

Faculty Chair and Head of School