



September 21, 2021

Dear John Hanson Montessori Parents,

I am Ms. Breckenridge, the Professional School Counselor and I welcome you and your family to the 2021-2022 School Year. As we embark upon a new school year with new challenges, together we will make a positive impact on the lives of our students. My goal is to build the social emotional foundation of all of our students, provide lessons and experiences to build their academic, college and career capacity, and to assist students with developing their skills and interests.

Statistics overwhelmingly show that parental involvement is the key to overall success of children. With instruction being virtual and in person this year, your involvement will be critical in helping your child adapt and adjust to the various changes regarding instruction. Children whose parents are actively involved in their formal education undoubtedly have greater academic achievement. Additionally, children are more motivated when their parents show an interest. When schools and parents work together, students benefit tremendously academically, socially and emotionally. As your child's first teacher, it is imperative that we collaborate in the best interest of your child.

Also, national statistics show that some children have a difficult time adapting to online instruction which could lead to frustration and anxiety. If you or your child have any concerns, please contact the school immediately.

As your child's Professional School Counselor, I play an instrumental role in working directly with your child on their academic, career and emotional/social development. This year's emphasis will be on providing classroom guidance lessons with focus on social-emotional learning, transition to our school building, and self expression. Due to the Global Pandemic, many families and students are having challenges. To better meet your needs, please complete this Parents' Needs Assessment [JHMS Parents Needs Assessment Fall 2021](#). As individuals we are powerful, but together we are a force! If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly @ t.breckenridgetyson@pgcps.org. I look forward to another rewarding year with the John Hanson Montessori Community.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tia Breckenridge

Professional School Counselor