Greetings Isaac Gourdine Family,

Happy New Year! Welcome to the 2021-22 school year. As we embark on a new school year with face-to-face teaching and learning, we want you to know that we are extremely excited about all of our scholars returning to school.

After providing education in a virtual and hybrid setting last year, we are excited to return to a five-day in-person instructional program this school year. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue with our safety plan by implementing mitigations established by the CDC. This will require all students to wear masks while in doors and on the bus, maintaining social distance at least 3 feet apart from each other, and regular hand washing and/or accessing the hand sanitizer dispensers that are stationary throughout the halls of the building. In addition, we will continue to implement measures to ensure that our staff and students’ safety and well-being are prioritized.

Our goal is to provide exemplary instruction to our students with the expectation that all students will learn and be successful. In addition, due to the pandemic, our students had to navigate through tough times and make choices that were not always easy for them. Therefore, we are incorporating a SEL (Social Emotional Learning) component into our program. This program will afford our students the opportunity to learn how to regulate their emotions, communicate with others, use compassion and empathy to understand the needs of others, build relationships and make good choices. These components will be an integral part of our school program.

In an effort to celebrate our scholars’ successes, we will partner with our stakeholders, which we hope will positively impact the growth of our students in all content areas and in their social and emotional growth and development. We look forward to building
educational experience and that R.O.A.R.S. (R-respect, O-ownership, A-acceptance, R-reflection and S-service) will be part of their academic practice. The Isaac Gourdine family will continue to commit to excellence and provide the exemplary educational experience that our scholars deserve.

Finally, it is important that we keep the lines of communications open with our parents. Please ensure that you complete the Google Form on the Isaac Gourdine website so that we may keep you informed throughout the school year. There is also other important information for our families on our school website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Half Day Orientation for New Students. This is an in-person, half-day (A schedule) event. Students will arrive at the start time for your school and will follow a half-day schedule. This day is for students transitioning to middle school for SY 21-22. It is also for students who transitioned to middle school last year, SY 20-21 and new students to the building (at all grade levels) for both school years. We will send a virtual link to parents to join-in. This event will allow Administrators and Teachers to share key components and expectations of the middle school program with students. It also provides students with an opportunity to meet their teachers, start the formation of peer and teacher relationships, conduct a walk-through of their schedule, participate in school spirit activities and hear important information related to the middle school experience.

- Back to School Night - September 14, 2021 at 6:30.

We look forward to welcoming all of our scholars to the 2021/2022 school year. Please call 301-449-4940 with any questions or concerns.

Educationally yours,

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Principal