

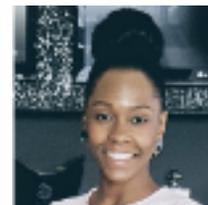


# Back to School Newsletter

## Letter from the Principal

Students and Families,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! We are extremely excited about all that we have in store this upcoming school year. We have been working diligently to prepare for the return of our students and we look forward to continuing to partner with our families. We are also thrilled to share some of the great strides that we have made this past school year and a few of our school goals for this upcoming year. We ask that our students and families partner with us on this exciting journey and support us in achieving goals.



### What's New

#### Principal Colvin's Maternity Leave

I am super excited as the weeks grow closer to welcome my new baby boy into the world. Many of you may know this already, but I am expecting my first child very soon. My due date is September 3rd, and I will return in the winter from maternity leave. I want to make all families aware of our temporary plan and to assure you that we are working really hard with the School District of Philadelphia, our Building 21 network and our leadership team to ensure that we have a safe, smooth and successful school start. In the event you have any questions or concerns in my absence, please contact the following:

- Dr. Laura Shubilla, Interim Principal/Cofounder
- Brianne Macnamara, Assistant Principal
- Reggie Ruff, Culture/Climate Manager

### Points of Pride from the 17-18 SY

- ▶ Number of students attending school 95% or more **increased 16%**.
- ▶ Number of students with ZERO out of school suspensions **increased 7%**.
- ▶ Parent participation in SDP survey **increased 16%** from previous year.
- ▶ Graduated our first senior class. (Awaiting graduation rate)

### 18-19 Priority School Goals

- ▶ 92% or more of students will have ZERO out of school suspensions
- ▶ At least 85% of 9th-11th graders and 95% of 12th graders will be on track for 4 year graduation.
- ▶ At least 50% of students will attend school 95% or more
- ▶ 65% of students will meet their growth target in Math
- ▶ 75% of students will meet their growth target in Reading
- ▶ 25% of students are eating breakfast through school breakfast program.

### Mark Your Calendars

- August 16th, 10am-2pm, Welcome Back Barbeque. (Location: Building 21 School Yard, 6501 Limekiln Pike)
- August 23rd, 9th Grade Only, 8:30am-3:30pm (Outward Bound Students ONLY), 8:30-10:00 (New Parent Orientation)
- August 27th, First Day of School, Student Orientation
  - 9th Grade- 8:30am-12:30pm
  - 10th-12th Grade- 12:30pm-3:30pm
- August 31st, Students dismissed at 12:00pm. SDP 3 hour early dismissal
- September 27th 4pm-6pm, Back to School Night
- November 7th-9th, Progress Report Card Conferences

### **Important Reminders:**

#### School Hours

- ▶ School hours are 8:26 am – 3:30 pm Mondays-Thursdays and 8:26 am – 1:30 pm Fridays. School doors open for breakfast at 8:00 am. Students are expected to attend school on-time, everyday. Attendance and on-time arrival is very important to the success and learning of our students.
- ▶ Students who are not staying after school for After School Programming should head straight home after school. Students should not linger around the school perimeter. We take dismissal and safety EXTREMELY seriously and we will not tolerate any inappropriate after school behavior.

#### Uniforms and ID's

- ▶ Student ID's are required to be worn everyday and are required to enter the building and to obtain breakfast and lunch. Student accounts are charged \$1.00 each time a student does not scan in with their ID badge.
- ▶ Students are expected to be in dress code at all times. Students who are out of uniform or dressed inappropriately will receive a call home and be required to change their attire and/or will require a parent to come up to the school.
- ▶ Students who live 1.5 miles or more from the school will receive a SEPTA Student Transpass on the first day of school.

#### Summer Reading Grades 9-12

All students grades 9-12 are expected to complete the Summer reading. All students should have received a copy of the book, "The Pact." Students can pick up the book and reading packet from Building 21 August 6th-24th between 9-3pm if they have not received their materials. The Summer reading assignment will go towards all students first competency in ELA. If you have any questions, please contact us at 215-400-7450.

## **Celebrating our Students**

This past Summer, we had the opportunity to send a small group of some of our Youth Court students to Washington DC for a leadership retreat. Our students had a great time filled with both exciting and eye opening experiences. We would like to extend an extra special shout out to Mr. Winterstein, our Civics teacher and Youth Court Coordinator and Mr. Dock our Lower School Dean, for their support with the trip. We look forward to the work that our students in Youth Court will do with restorative practices at Building 21 this year!



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH BARBECUE

HOT DOGS !  
HAMBURGERS  
SNACKS !  
MUSIC !  
FUN !



**WHEN: AUGUST 15, 2018**  
**TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**WHERE: BUILDING 21 HIGH SCHOOL**  
**6501 LIMEKILN PIKE**

STUDENTS, FAMILIES, STAFF, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PLEASE  
COME OUT AND CELEBRATE WITH US AS WE KICK OFF THE NEW  
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!