



September 2019

Greetings Paul Middle School Families,

Our Scholars Are College Bound! We had a strong start to school, and our scholars are adjusting well to new systems that will ensure their academic success. During the month of August, scholars engaged in two weeks of orientation that focused on the implementation of our school rituals "The Paul Way", building relationships within their cohorts and with grade level peers, and teachers. Our sixth-grade scholars also were inducted into middle school during our first annual Gold Tie Ceremony. Our two-week orientation ended with a schoolwide al fresco luncheon on the lawn.

Scholars will officially begin their academic course work September 3rd and begin their monthly town hall meetings led by their grade level leaders September 6th. Scholars will receive awards and recognition for MERIT work and receive their quarter goals. Scholars, who meet their grade level goals, will have enjoy monthly and end-of-quarter incentives.

The month of September will also offer a couple of opportunities for our families to deeply engage in our college and career readiness programming and meet with our teachers to forge strong partnerships. Our first family event is our Back to School Night, which is Tuesday, September 10th from 5:30-7:00pm. Additionally, we will have our first Student-led Conference (SLCs) on Thursday, September 26th 12:45-6:30pm. Your scholar's homeroom teacher will reach out to you to schedule an appointment.

We welcome your feedback to continue improving our program. One way to ensure your scholar has a solid start of the school year is to review your scholar's agenda books nightly for homework, check your scholar's grades often via PowerSchool, and all communication from teachers and leader via DeansLists. At Back to School Night you will receive your PowerSchool and DeansList parent portal access.

Thank you for your partnership. We look forward to an amazing school year! If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at LBacchus@paulcharter.org or (202) 378-2261.

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