



September 2019

Our year is off to a great start!

Scholars in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades participated in a day of team-building with the help of Go Adventures, who helped us with risk-taking, trust development, and relationship-building. Our goal? To encourage the development of community by building trust, promoting communication, and encouraging cooperation. What better way to do that than to install a sense of camaraderie through teamwork. This is how we build community with our scholars. This is the foundation that propels success. This is the Paul Way.

In our first week, we began our monthly grade-level Town Hall Meetings with all scholars and staff. We outlined the meeting format, introduced staff, and set expectations for academic and social-emotional performance. Equally important, we as a school listened to our scholars. I also shared my personal story of growing up and attending school in southeast DC.

At the end of the week, staff and scholars were excited to participate in our back-to-school tradition of "Community Carnival." After a smooth start of the school year, we believe that our scholars earned the right to enjoy food, music, and fun.

We are excited to have our scholars back at school and ready for a phenomenal year!

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