

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Bridesburg School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

August 2017

I hope that your summer has been restful, safe and enjoyable. In just a few short weeks we are prepared and excited to begin the 2017-2018 School Year. We, the staff of Bridesburg School are equally as enthusiastic and energized at the prospect of successful opening on September 5, 2017.

Everyone has worked so hard putting that little extra into his or her work over the summer to assure that we have an extraordinary start to the school year. The entire school staff is committed to continue implementing the successful educational programs initiated over the past several years in the School District of Philadelphia.

As our growth continues, our Primary Learning Center will serve our Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Students this school year. As you know, our campus is located at 4435 Almond Street, the former Pope John Paul II School Building.

As you are aware, last year the School District invested in new textbooks in both Reading and Mathematics **for all grades and for all students!** This program will continue for the upcoming school year.

We will strive to provide every student with the skills they need to be successful, productive and engaged citizens. That means that we are committed to provide all children with challenging instruction in preparation for a successful future. We will continue working to create a community of learners that include Teachers and Support Staff, Students and Caregivers. We hope to grow together and support each other for the benefit of our children.

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, September 19 (Grades K-2) at the Bridesburg Annex** and **Wednesday, September 20 (Grades 3-8) at our main campus at 6:00 pm** for our **Back to School Nights**.

Respectfully,

James M. Serpiello, Principal

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Important Information and Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 5, 2017, First Day of school

Students in grades 3 through 8 and Autistic Support Students (Grades 3-8)- Report to the gymnasium between 8:15 A.M. and 8:25 A.M. Children will line up **according their room assignment from last year**. A location in the gym will be designated for students new to Bridesburg School. Adults will be in the gym to assist your children. Dismissal will be at 3:09 P.M. Parents are to meet their children in the schoolyard closest to Richmond Street.

Students in grade 1 and 2 and Autistic Support Students (Grades K-2) will report to the Gym at **The Bridesburg Annex** and follow the same procedure as above. The Gym entrance is located on Almond Street.

September 5– 11, 2017, Kindergarten interviews

Kindergarten parents will be contacted and invited to a conference with their child's teacher to gather important information and complete an interview.

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, First Day for Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten students, accompanied by a parent, will report to the school Annex gymnasium at 9:00 AM. Your child will meet his or her teacher and will be assigned to a classroom. You will meet your child in the schoolyard at 3:09 PM

Back to School Nights

Tuesday, September 19 (Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2) at 6:00 P.M. at the Bridesburg Annex.

Wednesday, September 20 (Grades 3-8) at 6:00 P.M. at the Main Campus.

September 21 and 22 Rosh Hashannah – Schools Closed

Reminders:

Attendance:

We need every parent to support their children's success by making sure that every able student is in school on time every day! Our goal this year is for all students to arrive on time, and be in attendance 95% or more days for the school year. This means that your child is absent no more than 9 days during the school year. We can do it!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Back to School Nights.

