



August 5th, 2022

Dear Team Anne Arundel,

Wow; summer went quick! Good thing I love where I work and the people I work with! I officially welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. I am delighted that I will see you **IN PERSON** on Monday August 22nd, 8:00am, **at the Anne Arundel site**. Our Orientation week will be mostly in person, with a bit of Zoom thrown in for old time's sake!

We welcome a largely veteran crew back, with a few fabulous additions. We have a wonderful new social work intern, Cindy Garmoe, joining us, along with at least one awesome new CSS, Jamie Selzer and new to some of you- a 1:1 aide, Asa (pronounced Osa) Kocher, working with a specific student. Asa joined us during ESY, has hit the ground running and blended right in with a natural Pathways style.

We had two new students join us during ESY and we will have at least one additional new student joining us on August 29th, the first day for students. As always, I welcome your ideas about how we want to welcome our Student Panthers to school and orient their families.

Our school hours for this year:

Student hours: 8:25am-3:25pm; 1:00pm dismissal on Wednesdays and early dismissal days.

Staff hours: 8:00am-3:30pm

Staff should be available by phone at 8:00am daily, if not scheduled to be on site.

Please take a moment to review the 2022-2023 school year calendar, making special note of the Professional Days, so that you can make every effort to be here on those days. I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd. A few points to keep in mind as you review the **Orientation Week Schedule**:

- Orientation week is 5 days this year; a bit shorter than in the past. We will maximize this time. And by maximize, I do not mean fill all of it. I want you to have plenty of planning time with some structured training and activities mixed in.
- A light breakfast (i.e. bagels, fruit, nuts, chocolate and coffee, tea) will be provided on Monday August 22nd. ☺
- We will start at 8:00am daily, to make great use of our limited time together.
- We will be at an alternate location for All Staff Orientation (Columbia Meeting House) on Tuesday 8/23.
- Think about what committees you will serve on this year (e.g. site beautification, fundraising, yearbook, Sunshine fund, Thanksgiving, Spring Retreat, field trips, Green committee, etc.).
- **PLEASE take a peek at GroupMe/e-mail over the next couple of weeks – I'll be sending out a brief survey (a fun one) that I'll need back BEFORE the 22nd. Thank you!**
- **Wishing you all the best in the remaining weeks of summer!**

Sincerely,

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Principal

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