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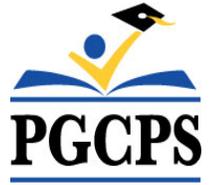
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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope you all are enjoying the last few weeks of your summer vacation with your family and friends. It’s the start of a new school season, which gives us the opportunity to set new goals, make new plans, sow new seeds, and implement new ideas. As a servant-leader, I am committed to educating and supporting the students left in our care.

This school year is a time of new beginnings and the staff here at Green Valley “Success” Academy has a unique opportunity to influence, inspire and prepare your students for greatness! Your child will have the opportunity to improve their academics as well as take advantage of the supports that have been put in place to assist your child. In order for everyone to have a successful year at Green Valley “Success” Academy, it is imperative that we all contribute and work in a spirit of collaboration to get the work done.

Lastly, students please remember that mediocrity is unacceptable and failure is not an option! There is a quote that states: “There is no such thing as failure; there is only quitting or success.” Lets make this year your best year yet!

SCHOOL BEGINS: The first day of school for **all** students will be Wednesday, **September 6, 2017**. Attendance beginning the first day of school is imperative.

BELL SCHEDULE

This year, we will be operating a 4x4 semester based schedule for our High School students and a 5 period day for our middle school students. For the high School students this means, your child will have 4 periods. Each student in the high school program will have the opportunity to earn a possible 8 credits. Along with recovering credits and earning service-learning hours, we will be working very hard to help the students to accomplish their HSA and PARCC requirements while at Green Valley “Success” Academy.

DRESS CODE: Please see the Student Dress Code for Green Valley “Success” Academy that was given to you at your Intake Orientation. This policy will be strictly enforced this year.

Grade	Shirt	Pants
7 th	Gray Polo-Style	Tan Color-Khaki Style Pants
8 th	Gray Polo-Style	Tan Color-Khaki Style Pants
9 th	Black Polo-Style	Tan Color-Khaki Style Pants
10 th	Black Polo-Style	Tan Color-Khaki Style Pants

PRINCIPAL MEET & GREET – August 29, 2017 6:00p.m. (Multipurpose Room)

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: We would like all of our parents and guardians to join us on Thursday, **September 28, 2017** from 6:30p.m. until 8:30p.m. to meet the teachers, administrators, and staff members.

SCHOOL HOURS: Classes begin promptly at 9:35 a.m. and conclude at 3:10 p.m. It is imperative that all students arrive on time.

BUS SCHEDULES: Bus schedules will be mailed separately to each home from the Prince George's County Public Schools Transportation department after August 1, 2017. You can also access your bus information route and time online at www1.pgcps.org (click Parents) Please note that it is imperative that you arrive at your bus stop at least 15 minutes before your scheduled pick-up time.

CLASS SCHEDULES: Schedules will be distributed the first day of school by administrative homerooms, which will also be posted in the multipurpose room.

SUPPLIES: Students are required to have the following supplies. Students will receive a more specific supply list unique to their particular classes during the first week of school.

- Three-ring binder notebook
- Dividers
- Ink pens (blue or black ink only), pencils, and highlighters
- Loose-Leaf paper
- Clear or mesh book bags (All book bags will be stowed in the students locker)

HOMEWORK: Homework is assigned nightly. Please ask your son/daughter what has been assigned each night. You may also review your child's point sheet for homework information. If you are not satisfied with the response you receive, please contact the teacher via email at www1.pgcps.org (select Green Valley Academy).

PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS: Report cards are distributed every quarter and progress reports are distributed mid-way through each marking period to keep you informed of student progress. The SchoolMax Parent Portal will continue to be available through the county website. You may view your child's grades at any time. Counselors are available daily for more immediate responses. You may call the school at 301-817-3100 to arrange parent-student-teacher conferences.

ATTENDANCE: Your son/daughter should be in school on time and in classes every day. Time lost from instruction can never be regained simply by doing make up work. Illnesses are excused absences; oversleeping and missing the bus are unexcused absences. Students cannot be expected to perform in a satisfactory manner if they are not present for instruction.

SCHOOL LUNCH: The price of school lunch is now \$3.00 and breakfast is \$1.60. Parents may pre-pay for student meals online as follows: 1. Go to the PGCPS web page. 2. Click on Parents Tab at the top. 3. Click on Lunch Menus at the bottom. 4. Follow directions for pre-pay online system. Students who were participating in the free and reduced lunch program last year will continue to be enrolled through September 30, 2017. Applications for the 2017-2018 school year must be submitted and approved prior to September 30 for students to continue in the program.

CELL PHONE POLICY: Students may bring cell phones to school; however, phones MUST be turned totally off (not on silent or vibrate mode) and kept in their Locker. If a phone is seen or turned on during the school day, it will be confiscated and turned into administration or security until a parent picks it up. If you allow your child to bring a cell phone to school, you do so at your own risk. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.

On behalf of the entire staff at Green Valley "Success" Academy, we welcome you to another exciting school year. We look forward to greeting you personally on Tuesday morning, September 5th.

Yours In Service,

Nathan Newman, M.Ed
Principal