

August, 2019

Dear AMY @JM Families:

Welcome back! Or, if you are new to the AMY @JM family, welcome and thank you for choosing our amazing school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new school year on September 3rd.

Last school year was filled with lots of fun learning experiences and student successes. Here are a few of our favorite memories:

- We were awarded the **Riding for Focus** grant through the Specialized Foundation - a \$20,000 grant supporting cycling for focus in schools.
- More than 50% of our graduating 8th grade students were accepted to special admissions high schools
- 100% of our school staff is returning for the 2019-2020 school year!

We are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. Our teachers have attended training sessions to better help all students learn and grow. Our front office team is updating student files and ordering new materials. Our hard-working custodians have spent the summer cleaning our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children delicious, healthy and free breakfast and lunch each school day. Our school is also undergoing extensive building upgrades, including all new lighting and electrical systems.

We're also delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff. New to AMY @ JM this year are the following staff members:

Mr. Berg - Math and Science
Ms. Blake - ELA
Ms. Ferraro - Counselor, 6th & 7th Grades
Mr. Harris - Science
Mr. Moran - 8th Grade Math
Mr. Watson - Special Education

Be sure to visit www.philasd.org for important back-to-school information such as how to get a Philadelphia School TransPass and a list of vaccines your child will need to attend school. I also want to invite you to attend our Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 24th from 5-7 PM. This will be a great time to meet teachers and other families, and learn more about the new school year.

All of us at AMY @ JM look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, and to working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at 215-400-7190 with questions or concerns.

Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Best,
Ms. Furman, Principal