

**Central High School  
1700 W. Olney Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19141**

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Dear Central High School Families:

**Welcome back!** Or, if you are new to our Central High School 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

- Central HS achieved the highest SPR Score (95) in the City of Philadelphia.
- The graduating class earned 25.6 million dollars in scholarships and grants.
- Governor Wolf, Mayor Kenney and Dr. Hite celebrated with our school community as we broke ground on our major campus renovation.

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.

We're also delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff. Here is a list of the new teachers that will be joining our accomplished faculty:

1. Matthew Fischetti - Spanish
2. Jacob Feeley - Latin
3. Stephanie Virgo - Mathematics
4. Pamela Chrissis - Mathematics
5. Rob Paul - English
6. Shane Fitzgerald - Biology
7. Sophia Date - Social Studies

Be sure to visit [www.philasd.org](http://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 Thursday, September 12th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** This will be a great time to meet teachers and other families, and learn more about the new school year.

All of us at Central High School look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at (215) 400-3590 with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Sincerely,



Timothy J. McKenna  
President of Central High School