



CLASS OF 2024 & ALL INCOMING NEW STUDENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS ON THEIR ACCEPTANCE TO THE
ARTS ACADEMY AT BENJAMIN RUSH!!!

- **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- FRESHMEN ORIENTATION: TBD: A Robo Call Will Be Sent With The Date
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: TBD
- BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FOR PARENTS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS: SEPTEMBER TBD

- **SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FOR ENGLISH 1**

- PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS: rush.philasd.org or refer to enclosed handout.
- SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS ARE THE FIRST GRADES ENTERED FOR STUDENTS.
- PLEASE EMAIL MS. DAVIS aldavis@philasd.org with any questions.

- **DRESS CODE AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- PLEASE REVIEW OUR STUDENT HANDBOOK WHICH IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA PLANNERS THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
- STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AS DICTATED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA AS WELL AS THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE RUSH ARTS STUDENT HANDBOOK. BOTH DOCUMENTS ARE CONTAINED ON OUR WEBSITE.
- LANGUAGE / COMMUNICATION (WRITTEN, VERBAL. NON-VERBAL) MUST ALWAYS BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR CULTURALLY DIVERSE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
- FACE MASKS MAY BE REQUIRED. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING

- **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

- STUDENTS WILL EARN A MINIMUM OF 23.5 CREDITS OVER THE COURSE OF 4 YEARS:
 - ENGLISH: 4 CREDITS
 - MATH: 3 CREDITS
 - SCIENCE: 3 CREDITS
 - SOCIAL STUDIES: 4 CREDITS
 - ART MAJOR: 4 CREDITS
 - PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH: 1.5 CREDIT
 - ADDITIONAL MATH OR SCIENCE ELECTIVE: 1 CREDIT
 - ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE: 1 CREDIT
 - SPANISH: 2 CREDITS
- STUDENTS MUST PASS ALL CLASSES EACH YEAR TO BE ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REPEAT COURSES. ANY COURSE FAILED MUST BE MADE UP IN SUMMER SCHOOL OR THROUGH AN APPROVED CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM.
- STUDENTS WHO ARE IN DANGER OF FAILING COURSES WILL BE OFFERED TUTORING BY A TEACHER OR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENT. ALSO, BLENDED LEARNING MAY BE OFFERED AS A STRATEGY FOR IMPROVEMENT. PARENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING STRATEGIES.
- A PARENT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED WITH THE PRINCIPAL AND THE APPROPRIATE TEACHERS IF A STUDENT IS FAILING MORE THAN ONE COURSE BY THE BEGINNING OF 2ND REPORT TO DISCUSS AN ACTION PLAN FOR SUCCESS.

● ATTENDANCE /LATENESS

- SCHOOL BEGINS AT 7:50AM AND CONCLUDES AT 2:54PM. THE FIRST BELL RINGS AT 7:45AM. THE LATE BELL RINGS AT 7:50AM. FIRST PERIOD BEGINS AT 7:50AM AND STUDENTS SHOULD BE SEATED IN CLASS AT THIS TIME. 7:30AM IS AN IDEAL ARRIVAL TIME. STUDENTS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO VISIT LOCKER, EAT BREAKFAST AND PREPARE FOR THE DAY.
- EVERY THURSDAY, STUDENTS WILL HAVE A ONE HOUR LATE ARRIVAL. SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 8:50AM ON THURSDAYS. DOORS WILL OPEN FOR STUDENTS AT 8:00AM ON THURSDAYS.
- STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE ON TIME EACH DAY TO SCHOOL. AFTER 10 LATENESSES TO SCHOOL, (7:51AM) A MANDATORY PARENT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED.
- STUDENTS MUST BE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL. EACH DAY A STUDENT IS ABSENT, THAT STUDENT IS MISSING VALUABLE INSTRUCTION NECESSARY FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS.
- NO FAMILY VACATIONS, REUNIONS, OR RETREATS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE APPROVED. PLEASE SCHEDULE ALL TRIPS DURING WINTER, SPRING, AND SUMMER BREAK. FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, PLEASE CONSULT WITH PRINCIPAL.
- ACCORDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY, A LEGAL NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED AFTER 3 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES. PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT AND PROVIDE AN ABSENCE NOTE THE NEXT DAY.
- 3 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE ABSENCES REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S NOTE.
- STUDENTS WITH EXCESSIVE ABSENCES AND/OR LATENESS WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROMS, TRIPS, DANCES, AND SPORTS. STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE NO MORE THAN 9 ABSENCES AND 9 LATENESSES FOR THE YEAR. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE CONSIDERED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

● HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

- WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION. OUR FAMILIES ARE DEDICATED, ENGAGED, AND SUPPORTIVE OF ALL OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS. OUR HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ALSO SPONSORS MANY SCHOOL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES. WE HOPE THAT ALL PARENTS WILL JOIN THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.
- EMAIL: rushhomeandschool@gmail.com
- LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: "rush home and school"

● SAC (SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL)

- INFORMATION ON JOINING THE SAC WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.
- MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 4:30PM.

● PARENT COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT EACH YEAR AND THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
- ONLY THOSE WHO YOU HAVE DESIGNATED ON YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM WILL BE PERMITTED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD OR SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL FOR AN EARLY DISMISSAL.
- REGULAR CALLS ARE MADE THROUGH OUR SIS MESSENGER SYSTEM. YOU MAY SET UP AN EMAIL AND TEXT OPTION THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL

● EARLY DISMISSALS

- PARENTS / GUARDIANS MUST SIGN STUDENTS OUT IN THE EVENT OF AN EARLY DISMISSAL UNLESS STUDENTS ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE. WRITTEN PERMISSION IS REQUIRED.
- STUDENTS WHO BECOME ILL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY MAY NOT DRIVE THEMSELVES HOME REGARDLESS OF AGE.
- STUDENTS WHO NEED TO BE DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS MUST VISIT OUR SCHOOL NURSE WHO WILL CONTACT PARENT. THEY MAY NOT TEXT YOU TO PICK THEM UP. IF YOU DO RECEIVE A TEXT, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR CHILD TO THE NURSE OR OFFICE.