August 2020

Dear Sayre Saber Families,

**Welcome Back Sayre Sabers!** Or, if you are new to our Sayre Saber family, welcome and thank you for choosing our amazing school for your child’s education. We acknowledge that we are starting off the year very differently than we have in the past. While COVID-19 has shifted learning to a virtual experience to begin our 2020-2021 school year, our staff is committed to providing excellent high quality instruction and learning opportunities for all of our Sayre Sabers so they are ON-TRACK for graduation! We have learned so much, since school closure, about online learning and will take those lessons to improve our instructional practices this school year. I know there are many questions about various aspects of school this year and we will do our best to update the Sayre community as information becomes available. I highly recommend that you check out our website (<https://sayre.philasd.org/>) and the School District of Philadelphia’s website ( <https://www.philasd.org/>) periodically for important updates.

It is our hope you are ready to start a new school year on **Wednesday, September 2, 2020.**

**In preparation for this, we are inviting students and families to grade level orientations in order to receive important information, such as how to get or stay ON-TRACK for graduation, schedules, grading, attendance, and using the instructional digital platforms this school year.**

**Incoming 9th grade students** are invited to join us for our virtual **9th Grade Academy Orientation** on **Friday, August 28, 2020 at 12:00 - 1:00pm. The link for this meeting will be emailed to all 9th grade students’ SDP email accounts.**

**12th grade students** are invited to join us for our virtual **12th Grade Start Off to Send Off Orientation** on **Friday, August 28, 2020 at 12:00 - 1:00pm.**. **The link for this meeting will be emailed to all 12th grade students’ SDP email accounts.**

**10th and 11th grade students** are invited to join us for our virtual **Beginning of the Year Orientation** on **Friday, August 28, 2020 at 1:00 - 2:00pm.. The link for this meeting will be emailed to all 10th and 11th grade students’ SDP email accounts.**

Our Sayre Saber staff are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. However, we cannot do this alone without our incredible parent partners. An important part of student success is having parents/guardians’ support from K-12th grades. The School District of Philadelphia’s Parent & Family Portal gives you access to valuable information about your child’s education and school (grades, attendance, report card, and so much more). Attached to this letter and/or linked [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14oqqvmvhdingiZqw0pQkuUk0bEROjqKZ/view), you will find directions on how to register for the parent portal. If you need additional help, please visit (<https://www.philasd.org/face/fr/parent-and-family-portal/>).

The entire Sayre High School family looks forward to welcoming students back to school, virtually, on **Wednesday, September 2ndd,** and working with our families and community to support high quality instruction.. As always, please feel free to reach out by emailing [sayre@philasd.org](mailto:sayre@philasd.org) with questions or concerns and make sure you follow us on Facebook and Twitter @SayreHighSchool. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet, even virtually!