Franklin Learning Center High School

-A Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon School of Excellence--Middle States Association Accredited School-616 N. 15th Street Philadelphia, PA 19130

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Dear Freshman Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to The FLC Family! We hope that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable summer and that your children are just as excited to meet us, as we are to meet them. On Friday, August 26, 2022 we will host a Freshman Orientation for 9th grade students and their parents beginning at 10 am - 1:00 pm. We will greet everyone in the auditorium. Students will then work independently with their advisor while parents work in small groups to learn more about FLC.

During orientation students and parents will have an opportunity to tour the school and meet our teachers. In advisory, students will receive their roster, be given their locker and have an opportunity to practice opening their lockers, learn the bell schedules, and have expectations of FLC reinforced with them. Parents will be provided with the opportunity to register for the SDP Parent Portal, be provided with a general explanation of how it works, sign up for SAC meetings, update contact information in the SIS and to ask questions about FLC expectations.

All FLC students are due to return to school on Monday, August 29th at 7:55 am. Student intake begins daily at 7:15 to provide students with the opportunity to have free breakfast in the cafeteria. All students are required to wear our dress code (FLC-t-shirt or plain navy blue shirt and bottom with no holes or rips in jeans), bring with them their fully charged laptop, and bring a positive mindset. FLC t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for sale beginning August 8th from 9 am - 1pm. The cost of t-shirts is \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Sweatshirts are \$30.00 each. They are always available for sale online here (link is also on our school website flc.philasd.org), and available for pick-up after school in the main office.

During our first week of school students will meet in extended advisory each day to have the opportunity to discuss school-wide expectations, learn strategies for being an academically successful high school student, hear about extracurricular activities and sports and our continued work with the Relationships First model.

Relationships First (RF) is a restorative practices model developed in response to challenges many SDP schools have encountered in implementing other restorative practices models. It is a school-wide intervention that includes activities within individual classrooms and across various school settings. These activities include a set of circle-based procedures that use conversational

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protocols to guide and scaffold open, respectful discussions that build authentic, empathetic connections between and among school staff and students. RF's philosophy emphasizes the importance of positive, authentic human connection and its link to both academic success and social-emotional learning.

Again I say, welcome to FLC and we look forward to seeing you at orientation on August 26th at 10:00 am.

Sincerely,

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