

The School District of Philadelphia  
**Parkway Northwest High School for Peace and Social Justice**  
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Dear Parkway NW HS families:

**Welcome back!** If you are new to our PSJ family, welcome and thank you for choosing our amazing school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer and are ready to start the new school year on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Last school year was an *important* year for our school and our students. We made important changes to how we run our school and saw dramatic gains in student grades and daily attendance. Some of our favorite memories included:

- *The first ever Trayvon Martin Tribute Day,*
- *Seeing chromebooks in all students hands for the first time,*
- *The senior trip to Pocono Valley resort, and*
- *THE CLASS OF 2019 graduation in June!*

We are building on our momentum to make this year even better. Many of our teachers were already here this week planning our Peace Walk in Germantown next month. We are continuing to complete teacher development activities, prepare the building, and working on finalizing our student rosters to see our scholars succeed here and beyond!

We are excited to excited to welcome new additions to the school family:

- Samantha Bear, Math
- Adrienne Derstine, Frison Center Fellow for Non-profit Partnerships
- Richard McLaughlin, Science and Special Education
- Simone Morris, Counselor
- Malcolm Wilson, Climate Manager, and
- Beth Ziegenfus, English

Our team is ready to help your students "LEARN with purpose to LEAD with purpose!"

Be sure to visit [www.philasd.org](http://www.philasd.org) for important back-to-school information such as a list of vaccines your child will need to attend school. I also want to invite new students and parents to **Orientation on Thursday, 8/29, from 9-11am** and all students and families to attend our **Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 12 from 5:30 - 7:30p.m.** Please check our website for information on uniforms and uniform sales.

The PSJ school community looks forward to seeing our young scholars on September 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Yours in Peace and Social Justice,

