



WELCOME TO THE Launch Family

Welcome New Launch Parents!

As a community, a country and globally we have been through a season of Social Justice unrest, a pandemic, a new president and a new mayor while realizing that many would like to roll back the advancements we have made as an inclusive, diverse society.

Our ultimate goal at Launch is to empower our young people to have agency, know the importance of their collective histories, ensure that they are equipped with a rigorous academic curriculum and social emotional tools to thrive and overcome adversity in any future career and life choice they aspire to. In order to accomplish these goals each and every family member are partners in their child's education at Launch. We value your collaboration and support at our informative, resource filled Parent Association meetings and Parent Circles and volunteering on committees for policy decisions.

The time is coming near when we will be able to have parents participate in-school where you can volunteer in classrooms and the main office. Parent input is essential when there are school policy decisions being made and, of course, making our Launch celebrations a family affair.

Our staff remains available to parents and students that range from extra help to emotional check-ins. Having you join the Launch Community will strengthen our commitment to UBUNTU (I am because you are, you are because I am), "We Are Crew." Enter with us into the future of Launch, It is going to be an exciting, fulfilling journey!

Join us!

Continue to stay safe.

— **Sheryl Davis**
Launch Parent Engagement Coordinator





WE HOPE YOU WILL

Join Our Crew

Congratulations and Welcome to Launch!

We are so excited to have your family join the Launch community! It is our mission to support your scholar in achieving academic excellence and high school readiness in an environment filled with cultural enrichment, motivation and Ubuntu! We take pride in creating an atmosphere of belonging and togetherness, as our motto states, “We Are Crew”.

This year is probably one of the most special years at Launch. Launch has just been **approved for a 5 year renewal as well as an expansion to build a one of a kind high school campus at the historical Floyd Bennett Field (FBF)**. This means that Launch will essentially be grades 6-12 and your child may be in the first class that attends and graduates from Launch High School at FBF. Please stay tuned for more exciting news in the very near future about FBF and how you can be a part of reimagining education with Launch!

We look forward to supporting you and your scholar on your new journey!!

— **Marcia Ward-Mitchell**
Launch Board of Trustees Vice Chair/ Launch Parent

Glad to Have You!

Give yourself a hand! You navigated through all the challenges of the pandemic and you survived. There may be a few dents in your armor, but you’re stronger, wiser and if you’re ready for a pleasant change you’ve come to the right place.

At Launch students are challenged to examine the world around them and prepared to take action leading to meaningful change in their communities and their personal lives. As Mrs. Ward-Mitchell announced, there is a new and exciting change on the horizon for Launch.

As Ms. Davis mentioned, parents are our partners and your input is essential for the success of our community. When my son was a student at Launch I was treated as a partner and a vital participant in his education. I am always proud to say I’m a Launch parent alum. I hope you will be too.

— **Miko Simmons-Jones**
Parent Alum & Outreach Coordinator

