

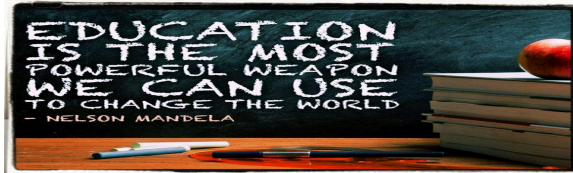
**2025 HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## **Aston**

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*"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom." — George Washington Carver*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! We are thrilled to welcome you and your scholars back to school as we begin the second half of the academic year. We hope your winter break was restful and rejuvenating. Our team is energized and ready to continue working with you to ensure your child's success.

This year, we have been focused on the theme: *"The Road to College and Career Starts Today."* Together, as partners in your scholar's education, we will guide them to achieve their full potential. Our expectations remain clear:

- Scholars attend school daily and arrive on time.
- Scholars wear their full uniforms with pride. No hoodies or outer garments should be on. We know that scholars get cold so please make sure they have a sweater (navy cardigan).
- Scholars actively engage in their schoolwork.
- Scholars demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, and all members of the school community.
- Scholars come to school prepared with necessary supplies for their classes.
- We have a no bag policy: girls may carry pocketbooks no larger than 4 inches by 4 inches.

We are continuing to emphasize this theme in all we do, encouraging our scholars to take steps each day toward their future college and career goals.

**Behavioral Expectations:** In our journey to prepare scholars for life, we focus on setting clear expectations, teaching positive behaviors, and maintaining consistency for all. Our school-wide behavioral expectations are

aligned with our theme of building a foundation for college and career readiness. Through ClassDojo, we reinforce the following five key expectations:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Kind**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be Accountable**

These values guide our scholars in developing the skills and attitudes they need to succeed academically, socially, and personally. We encourage families to support these expectations at home, helping scholars practice and reflect on their behavior daily.

### **Important Reminders for Families:**

1. **Stay Connected via ClassDojo:** If you have not already joined, please ensure you are connected to your scholar's class on ClassDojo. This platform is a key tool for communication, updates, and celebrating their achievements.
2. **Homework and PSSA Practice:** Look for homework assignments each evening and regular PSSA practice materials to help your scholar prepare for the upcoming assessments.

**Thank You for Your Support:** We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support during the first half of the year. From cheering on our girls and boys basketball teams to celebrating the dedication of our cheerleaders, your involvement makes all the difference. We look forward to your continued encouragement throughout the rest of the school year. *Remember that together, parents and educators form the cornerstone of a child's success, nurturing potential and inspiring scholars to reach new heights.*

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Parent Engagement Bingo Night:** Join us on *Wednesday, January 15th (5:00-7:00)* for an exciting evening of family fun.
- **Book Fair:** Our Book Fair begins on *Friday, January 10th*. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to inspire a love of reading. There will be several books under \$10.00 for our scholars to select.
- **Report Card Conferences:** *February 14th (more information to follow)*
- **Oratorical Contest:** A chance for our scholars to express themselves and to showcase their talents.
- **Black History Month Career Fair:** A wonderful opportunity to explore inspiring career paths.
- **PSSA Testing:** Preparation is underway as we gear up for this important assessment. *(April 21st to May 9th)*
- **8th Grade End of Year Activities:** These earned grade level activities represent the culmination of middle school scholars' academic and social-emotional progress

**Staff Updates:** As we begin the next half of the school year we want to make you aware of the following staff changes:

- **6th Grade:**
  - Technology - (All 6th Grade Academies, Room H28) - Mr. Vince Coll
  - ELA (Academy- Spelman, Room F6) - Mr. Peter Giumetti
  - ELA (Academy- NC A&T, Room F21) - Ms. Kelly Andrews

- Art (All 6th Grade Academies, Room H9) - Ms. LaNae Watford

- **7th Grade:**

- Director - Ms. Giana Mayfield
- Science (Academy- Tuskegee, Room H1)- Ms. Madison Ryan-Brady
- Social Studies (Academy- Tuskegee, Room H2)- Mr. Dontae Brown
- Social Studies (Academy - Clark Atlanta, Room G7)- Ms. Danyelle Bellinger
- Math (Academy - Clark Atlanta, Room G8)- TBD
- Technology - (All 7th Grade Academies, Room H4)- TBD

- **8th Grade:**

- SPED Teacher (Academy - Howard, Room E2) - Ms. Gamble
- SPED Teacher (Academy - Howard, Room E3) - Ms. Tausendfreundt
- SPED Teacher (Academy - Howard, Room E9) -Ms. Mitchel

Let's continue to work hand-in-hand to ensure our scholars excel in every aspect of their educational journey. Your partnership is invaluable, and we look forward to an incredible remainder of the school year.

**As we move forward together, remember that every day is an opportunity for growth, learning, and achievement. With your support and our collective commitment, there is no limit to what our scholars can accomplish. Together, we are building a bright and promising future for every CCCS scholar.**

Warm regards,

Mrs. Tinson-Smith  
Executive Director of Middle Schools