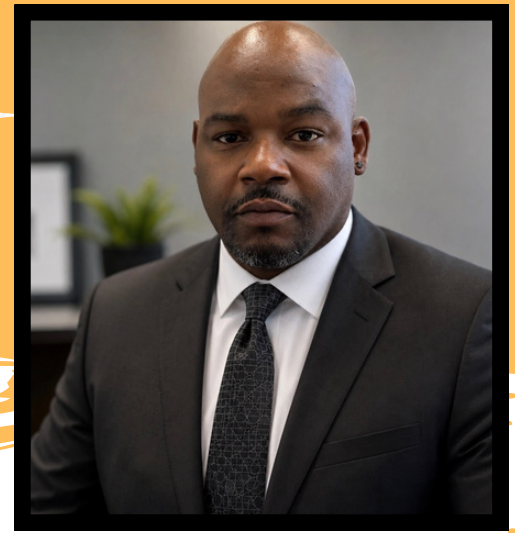


FROM THE DESK OF... THE PRINCIPAL

**DEAR SALEM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, FAMILIES,
STAFF, AND COMMUNITY,**



Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! It is with great excitement and gratitude that I welcome you back to Salem High School, home of the Seminoles. As I begin my 18th year in education—five years serving as a mathematics teacher and instructional coach, followed by thirteen years as a school administrator—I remain inspired by the opportunity to serve a school community committed to excellence.

Last school year demonstrated what is possible when we work together with purpose and determination. Through the collective efforts of our students, staff, families, and community, Salem High School achieved a 44% decrease in out-of-school suspension days while also earning an 6-point increase in U.S. History performance. These accomplishments reflect our commitment to creating a safe, supportive learning environment where students can thrive both academically and personally.

This year's theme, Believe IT: Work Hard, Be Accountable, challenges each of us to embrace the mindset that success begins with belief—in ourselves, in one another, and in what we can accomplish together. "IT" represents our commitment to intentional effort, integrity, and teamwork. When we believe in our potential, work diligently toward our goals, and hold ourselves accountable for our actions, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

At Salem High School, we are dedicated to preparing every student for success beyond graduation by fostering academic excellence, meaningful relationships, and strong character. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, on the stage, or through service to our community, we want every Seminole to know they belong, they matter, and they are capable of greatness.

I encourage every student to challenge themselves, every family to remain engaged in their child's education, and every staff member to continue providing the high-quality instruction and support that define Salem High School. Together, we will continue building a culture where excellence is expected, accountability is embraced, and every student can succeed.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I look forward to an outstanding school year filled with growth, achievement, and celebration.

Remember, Seminoles:

Believe IT. Work Hard. Be Accountable.

Let's Go Noles!



Sincerely,
Mr. Charles Chavous

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Chavous', set against the dark red, torn-edge paper background.