



COLIN POWELL ACADEMY

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Dear 8th Grade Student(s), Parent(s) & Guardian(s) ,

Welcome to your final year at Colin Powell Academy! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer, and are ready to embark on this exciting journey that will mark the culmination of your middle school experience. As we step into this new academic year, I want to encourage you to give it your all and finish strong. Remember the words of the great author and motivational speaker, Zig Ziglar, "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." This year is your opportunity to shine and create lasting memories and lay a firm foundation for your next chapter in high school.

8th grade year is a time of reflection and celebration. We have an array of activities planned to ensure that this year is not only productive but also incredibly fun and memorable. From dances to 8th grade trips and your promotion ceremony, every event is designed to honor your hard work and achievements. I urge you to participate, cherish these moments, and build memories with your friends that will last a lifetime.

As you prepare to take the next steps in your life, whether it means heading to our neighborhood high school or being selected to attend a specialty program at various high schools throughout our county, remember to make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. With each decision you make this year, you have the potential to create endless opportunities for yourself. Strive to do your best and embrace the journey.

I understand that the process of planning for high school can be overwhelming. That's why I am here to offer assistance with our professional school counselors to assist you with any preparations you might need as we begin this school year. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support or guidance - I am here to help you succeed.

Let's make this year unforgettable and finish strong together.

All the best,

Mr. Pankey
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