

July 13, 2022

Dear DAAS Parent,

Welcome to the DAAS Family! We are so excited to have your scholar with us here at Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences. You will quickly come to know that here at DAAS we promote a family culture where our scholars can grow and feel safe. Our Instructional leadership have developed an educational program that will allow each and every scholar to learn and grow at their pace and to thrive.

We also offer national recognized Arts programs such as choir, dance, visual arts and band. Our choir has traveled the country performing for The Ellen Show, NBC Today Show, and former President Barack Obama. The exposure and education your scholar will receive will allow them to feel confident about themselves. Below are just a few things you should be aware of:

# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY AND WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

- First Day of School will be on Monday, August 29, 2022.
- Our Back to School Rally and Enrollment Fair will be held on Saturday, August 20, 9am to 4pm.
- You will begin receiving weekly correspondences from your Building Principal and District staff over the next few weeks, so please remember to adjust your notification settings and make sure we have accurate contact information on file.

#### **IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL LEARNING:**

• DAAS is offering in-person and virtual learning in all grade bands this fall. Please be sure to register for virtual learning if interested.

#### **VACCINATIONS:**

 COVID-19 vaccinations are not required but strongly recommended for all eligible individuals in our school community at this time.

## **FACE MASKS:**

 Mask wearing will be optional but highly encouraged. Note that this is subject to change pursuant to CDC guidelines.

## **ILLNESS POLICY:**

- Scholars who are experiencing symptoms meeting COVID-19 criteria must be evaluated regardless of vaccination status.
- COVID-19 PCR tests are required for all symptomatic individuals prior to their return to school after illnesses.
- Option of no COVID-19 PCR testing for scholars if they remain away from in-person school commitments for 5 days.

### **VISITORS:**

 Visitors, including parents, are not permitted inside school buildings during the school day unless they have received permission from a senior administrator.

## TRANSPORTATION & LATCHKEY:

- Transportation is available for our scholars throughout the City. Please contact the school for route information and pick up times.
- DAAS offers Latchkey in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the front desk for more information if needed.

Once again, we are honored to have your scholar here with us at Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences. We encourage you to spread the word to friends and neighbors that we currently have open seats and they should enroll. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help in your child's return to school.

Your Partner in Education,

Maurice G. Morton, CEO