

September 3, 2019

Dear Bodine families:

Welcome back! Or, if you are new to our Bodine family, welcome and thank you for choosing our amazing school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new school year on September 3rd.

So Much is Happening at Bodine High School:

- **Philadelphia Volunteer Corps** - Students (9th -12th) are encouraged to participate in local community service projects while getting familiar with many issues regarding global education, equal rights, hunger and more. Almost always a local Saturday Service Project. BODINE currently has at least 30 student participants. We welcome more!!!
- **National Honor Society - a prestigious academic club, well-known nationwide!**
Members are currently tutoring students who can use the support across the academic areas and doing various service activities. Student leadership leads! Let Mrs. Mixon (room 303) or Mrs. Bassman (counselor) know if you would like tutoring. We will help set it for you.
- **S.T.E.M. at the Philadelphia Seaport Museum** - Student participants are expanding their knowledge **base** and gaining hands on experience building ships with the experts. ALSO, select students are winning scholarships to college!
- **Temple University Community Collaborative Programs** - For more detailed information about the programs listed below:
 - **POWER Internship** - Temple University's Community Collaborative trains students about sensitivity, diversity, and all the "isms" that often get in the way of collaborating and getting the best job done for the most number of people.
 - **Temple Youth VOICES** - students develop the collective power of youth to make positive change in their communities.
 - **POPPYN** - is a youth news show based in Philadelphia. Students cover events and explore topics of interest to youth in Philly.
- **Summer Search** - 10th graders are nominated by their teacher, and can pursue the rigorous application process. It is well worth it. Free summer programs for college enrichment, whole person growth and development and personalized mentorship.

- **V.I.E.W. (Villanova Initiative for Engaging Woman)** - Program for girls through our partnership with Villanova.
- **Philadelphia Futures** - Provides amazing college guidance, academic and leadership support, and mentorship.
 - **Sponsor A Scholar (9th graders apply)**
 - **College Connection (end of 10th apply and sometimes beginning of 11th grade)**
 - **Ellis Trust for Girls** - eligible girls can strengthen their academic skills, develop their character and passions. Ellis Trust also gives eligible girls grants to help cover basic school-related needs, such as uniforms and supplies.
- **WOMEN of TOMORROW** - Changing the world for the better one woman at a time...
- **G.S.A. (Gender & Sexuality Studies Association)** - Join us every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in room 408 with Mr. Kolman. All are welcome to discuss and share LGBTQIA issues and topics and to plan an LGBTQIA pride month assembly program.
- **International Studies Program** that encourages worldwide travel through the organizational support of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and other internationally recognized organizations.

We are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. Our teachers have attended training sessions to better help all students learn and grow. Our front office team is updating student files and ordering new materials. Our hard-working custodians have spent the summer cleaning our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children delicious, healthy and free breakfast and lunch each school day.

We're also delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff.

I am new to Bodine and I am honored to serve as your Principal. I have been working for the School District of Philadelphia for 22 years as a teacher, regional instructional coach, and assistant principal. I look forward to continuing the tradition of upholding high academic standards and ensuring that our students continue to develop disciplined ethical thinking, awareness of cultural differences and respect for a variety of worldviews. Below is a list of our other additional new staff members

List New Teachers/ Staff

Stephan Grosso, World History Teacher
 Antoine Stroman, English Teacher
 Micheal Hennessey, Math Teacher
 Martin Moyers, Math Teacher

David Bungard, Science Teacher
Davina Harnita, Science Teacher
Barbara Cannuli, English/ French Teacher
Manuela Coppola, Italian Teacher
Esteban Torres, Spanish Teacher

We are investing in a safer, healthier and more inviting learning environment for students and staff which has been a top priority this summer. We've remodeled the IMC, received a generous \$75, 000 donation for a new computer lab, asbestos work was completed in several locations around the building and the main office was modernized. We are committed to the continuous improvement our facilities for our entire school community and please look for new changes throughout the year.

Be sure to visit www.philasd.org for important back-to-school information such as how to get a Philadelphia School TransPass and a list of vaccines your child will need to attend school. I also want to invite you to attend on **September 23**, our **Title I Meeting scheduled from 4:30 pm -5:30 pm** and our **Back-to-School Night from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm** This will be a great time to meet teachers and other families, and learn more about the new school year.

All of us at Bodine look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, and working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at Mrs. Wilson-Dawson with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Mrs. Michele Wilson-Dawson, M.Ed.
Principal