



JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

LEADING THROUGH EXCELLENCE AND EFFECIENCY



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another amazing school year, I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and in good health! My name is Stephanie Bailey and I am super delighted to be your child's biology instructor for this upcoming school year at Madison High School. I am a native Houstonian who comes from a large family of ten. My parents had eight children and made it their mission to teach us the importance of working together and building positive relationships. I am the second to the oldest sibling which laid the foundation of integrity and responsibility in my life. I am a grateful mother of one daughter who just finished her 9th grade year in high school. Over the past twenty-five years of my tenure I have been truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve and impact the lives of students in Houston, Baltimore and Atlanta.

As we face difficult times in America, we are forced to embrace change to ensure that we reach optimum success in our lives. Therefore, we are recreating the high school experience by integrating virtual learning into our curriculum. That's right we are going "live" on Microsoft Teams, an online program that will connect us during instructional time. I truly believe together your child and I can have a passion for online learning, and I know that it will be a significant part of our future. This course focuses on learning biological concepts which includes the cell, DNA, genetics, taxonomy, ecology and much more coupled with learner-centered instructional design. We will work together to improve biology fundamentals via virtual learning.

Providing your child with quality teaching is a tremendous responsibility and I will do my best to ensure that every child has a safe and motivating learning experience in this upcoming year. However, I cannot do this without you. I need your help as the parent to make sure that your child participates daily on virtual learning by being on time and prepared sitting at a quiet table with his/her laptop and notebook ready to receive instruction. Teamwork will be an essential component to ensure a successful upcoming school year. I will be sending out a course syllabus to your child that includes more specific details and information about my class. This syllabus must be read and signed by the child's guardian and uploaded to your child's HUB account. The HUB is the school district's learning management system that we will use daily in this course. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me during my office hours from 3:10PM - 4:10PM (Monday-Friday). I look forward to working with you and your child to cultivate positive relationships of success.

Sincerely,

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