



# JOHN BARTRAM HIGH SCHOOL

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August 22, 2023

Dear Staff:

**Welcome to a New School Year!** We hope you had a restful summer and look forward to being together next week back here at the **B**! Our professional development starting on Tuesday is our official kickoff for the 2023-2024 academic school year, focusing on key priority areas. We are excited to welcome you back on **Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**. **The first day of school for students is Tuesday September 5 at 7:30 AM.** We look forward to achieving, leading, and growing together. We have been working and preparing for an incredible new school year. Upon our return, staff will be attending special training sessions to better support our students' social, emotional, and educational needs as they transition back to school. Currently, new students are registering, student schedules are being created, our hard-working custodians have been cleaning and sanitizing our school, and our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve our children delicious, healthy, and free breakfast and lunch every day.

Below you will find a number of links for you to review, starting with our PD schedule next week.

Everything you need to know about our professional learning next week can be found in [this catalog](#).

[John Bartram High School August 2023 Welcome Back Schedule](#)

[Aug. 29 - Sep. 1 2023 Professional Learning Catalog](#)

[23-24 Professional Development Days – Teaching & Learning](#)

[Overview of 2023-2024 District-Wide Professional Learning Days](#)

A few housekeeping items for you as we prepare for the upcoming year and next week's PD...

- School-based staff must register for their school's sessions in Cornerstone if they are not attending a centrally coordinated PD session.
- Emotional support (ES) teachers will need to register for two sessions on either 8/30 or 8/31. ES teachers will attend the K-12 Math PL in the morning at a regional site from (8:45am- 11:45am) and will attend an additional session in the afternoon virtually from their regional site (12:15pm-2:15pm).
- If anyone encounters challenges with registration in Cornerstone and they have used the [resource site](#), email [cornerstonehelp@philasd.org](mailto:cornerstonehelp@philasd.org).
- The updated Marking Period Guidelines are here. [Grades 9-12 23-24 Marking Guidelines](#)
  - [SPED Marking Guidelines Frequently Asked Questions](#)
  - [English Language Development Instructional Guide](#)
- [23-24 SY Academic Calendar – The School District of Philadelphia](#)
- [23-24 SY Curriculum Instructional Planning Site](#)



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This year, we're delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff.

- Chris Bowman, Climate Manager (9<sup>th</sup> Grade & PBIS)
- Ariel Parker, Biology Teacher
- Felicia Rosen, School Based Academic Coach
- Zoe Trumbore, English Teacher
- Dean Rosencranz, Math Teacher
- Edward Singer Meagher, Reading Specialist
- Max Kelly, English Teacher
- John Pollard, Music Teacher
- Daniel Riley, Voc Automotive Technician
- Malynda Quinones-Latimer, LSS Teacher
- Gennefer Hall, STEP Clinical Coordinator
- Donna Rollins, Climate Support Specialist
- Stephanie Williams, Sch Improv Supp Liaison
- Christina Fulcher, LSS Teacher
- Fran Wilkins, Long Term Sub (Manufacturing)
- **Shardae Davis, AS Teacher**

This year we will renew our commitment to excellence in all that we do as we seek to provide world-class instruction with the expectation that all students can learn and succeed. In addition, we are proud to begin implementation of our 21st Century School model, building its foundation in the Ninth Grade Academy. We will continue to provide students with opportunities to address academic deficiencies, build numeracy and literacy skills, make up missing credits, be college or workforce-prepared, and have the opportunity to participate in advanced academic classes. We will also continue to engage and partner with our stakeholders to implement initiatives that promote teaching and learning. We look forward to positively impacting student performance in every content area and in their overall academic growth and development.

On Monday, August 28, starting at 10:00 AM we will have our New Student Orientation. We invite staff to attend the orientation as well as our outdoor **Meet-N-Greet Block Party from 11:00-1:00 PM**. This will be a great time to meet and welcome new students and families to our school and engage with partners associated with our school. **Currently, our Back-to-School Night will be in-person on Wednesday, September 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM.**

I look forward to building relationships with all stakeholders throughout this year and encourage you to become active members of our **School Advisory Committee (SAC)** and our **BRAVE** family. It is going to be an amazing year. I am excited about all that this new school year has to offer and look forward to working collectively as a family to ensure that our students are provided with the best educational experience possible to be critical thinkers, responsible citizens, and prepared to be successful in their endeavors after high school. Together, if everyone does their part, we can make this a safe and successful school year for everyone! As always, please feel free to reach out to me at (215-400-8100) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Johnson, Principal