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Welcome back to a wonderful year at Frederick Douglass High School. Your child is 1 of over 50 students at Douglass who have been previously identified as Gifted & Talented. We are excited to have such a large group of bright, motivated young people apart our student body. This school year, the Gifted & Talented program at Frederick Douglass will be led by Mrs. Turner-Smith and a team of gifted-certified teachers. We will collaborate with your scholar's teachers to ensure that your child is challenged in ways that are appropriate to their abilities.

We are excited about a number of programs and classes that are offered this school year. Douglass offers a variety of AP and Honor classes that will meet your child's needs for academic curiosity and autonomy, increased rigor, and a faster paced instruction. I teach a class titled Directed Studies which is comprised of young people that have an interest in competing on our Academic Decathlon team. In addition, I also teach Gifted Mentorship/Internship which is open to gifted juniors and seniors during the 4th block.

We also participate in a host of events and activities that take place outside of the classroom. For example, we are planning a trip to an escape room, a fine dining cultural experience, and a high-energy amusement park to explore technology.

It is our hope that your child will find his/her participation in the gifted program full of rich experiences that will inspire their love of learning—both inside and outside the classroom, and throughout life. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's gifted teacher(s), the Assistant Principal that oversees the gifted program (Ms. Brown) or me (Mrs. Turner-Smith). It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome those of you who are new and those of you who are returning to our program.

Scholars, please visit me in Room 213 and join the Google Classroom for quick and pertinent communication using the code **znc1flc**.

Sincerely,

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