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Fueling Success: Empowerment in the Fast Lane

Dear Trailblazer Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We hope you had the most amazing summer, and we are thrilled to partner with you as we evolve into our new chapter of growth, excellence, and empowerment. Together, we are racing towards our *"Olympian Effort to Evolve: Everyone, Every Day, Everywhere."*

Rooted in high expectations, deep community, and intentional support, this year's work will center around six powerful pillars:

Six Pillars of Excellence:

- Empower Every scholar and educator to establish and own success targets.
- Visualize the Win and value growth and effort.
- Own the Work and collaborate in the learning community.
- Lead at All Levels. (Scholars and Educators) adjusting as needed
- Elevate Everyone - everyday without exception.
- Achieve with Purpose. (preparing scholars for choice-filled futures)

This Olympic-inspired theme is more than symbolic — it reflects our shared commitment to going further than ever before. Every staff member, scholar, and family is part of this relay. Each of us carries the torch of excellence and growth.

We are lovingly preparing every scholar to blaze a path towards a life filled choices for college, career, and much more. Our main goals must be anchored in safety and learning. We will prioritize the education of our scholars through planning, using data to drive our decisions, and ongoing practice in a loving environment that requires scholars and educators to grow continuously. We need your help with goal setting related to reminding our loving and brilliant scholars of the importance of learning, safety, and peaceful problem solving during disagreements. To our beloved families: your partnership is vital. This year, we invite you into deeper collaboration as co-educators, problem-solvers, and champions for all children. Together, we will build a joyful, safe, and high-achieving environment for every child — no exceptions - our challenges will evolve into victories.

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I will continue to send you ongoing updates and connect with you for our monthly chat. Never hesitate to reach out when it is needed. Let's give this year our all; model courage, consistency, and commitment. We will evolve together — everyone, every day, everywhere.

With Olympic-level pride and purpose,

Dr. Crystal January, Principal