Welcome back to a new academic year here at Herman J. Russell West End Academy filled with boundless opportunities for growth, exploration, and the pursuit of excellence in our Gifted and Talented Development program! We the Herman J. Russell West End Academy family hope you had a restful and rejuvenating break and are now ready to embark on another year of intellectual and personal discovery. The Gifted & Talent Development department is overseen by Ms. Victoria Robinson.

This year promises to be filled with captivating challenges and thought-provoking experiences designed to nurture your talents and expand your horizons. Our team of passionate educators, mentors, and experts are committed to creating an environment that encourages you to think critically, collaborate with peers, and delve into subjects that truly ignite your passions.

Herman J. Russell West End Academy offers a variety of teams and clubs to promote academic and social success. Students can participate in the Garden club, E-Sports, Technology team, Robotics Team, Debate Club, Academic Bowl team, Dynamo Music Group, Bee Club, BETA team, and extracurricular sports teams. Throughout the year, you can also look forward to guest speakers, workshops, and enrichment activities that will expose you to a diverse range of perspectives and fields. These experiences will challenge your perspectives, inspire you to pursue interdisciplinary connections, and ultimately shape the trajectory of your academic and personal growth.

Remember that you are part of a community of like-minded individuals who share your passion for learning and your commitment to making a positive impact on the world. Collaboration is a cornerstone of our program, and we encourage you to engage in meaningful conversations, seek out mentorship, and support one another as you embark on this enriching journey together. Therefore, we are working with our gifted & talented development students in a cluster model.

If your child is not currently identified as Gifted & Talented, and you would like them to be tested this school year, the parent referral period is the beginning of school through the end of September.

Once again, welcome back to our Gifted and Talented Development program! Get ready for a year filled with discovery, growth, and the joy of intellectual exploration.

With warm regards,

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