



Charles Drew High School

~Home of the Titans~

6237 Garden Walk Blvd

Riverdale, GA 30274

Main (770) 472-2820 Fax (770) 472-2825

Stephanie Trice, Principal

William Silveri, Assistant Principal

Nezetta Johnson, Assistant Principal

Dennis Truitt, Assistant Principal

June 27, 2018

Dear Charles Drew High School Family,

It is with great pleasure that I greet you for the first time as the new principal of Charles R. Drew High School. As the 2018-2019 school year begins, I am entering my nineteenth year as an educator. Although I am new to my current position, I am not new to Charles Drew High School (CDHS) or this community. For the past 5 years, I have served as an Assistant Principal at CDHS and prior to that I was a teacher at Mount Zion High School and an Assistant Principal at Mount Zion High School, Jonesboro Middle School, and Kendrick Middle School. I am totally committed to the success of the students in our community!

Since Charles Drew High School opened in 2009, the school has grown and developed into a very important centerpiece of our community. As the principal of CDHS, I am committed to leading the school into a new direction in which we will not only excel, but we will set the standard of excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. I am also committed to ensuring that our students have access to a rigorous, engaging curriculum and will to supporting them in a safe, secure learning environment that will enable them to graduate from high school and become the productive citizens they are destined to become. However, in order to be successful, we expect all students to do their part by coming to school on time each day ready to learn and to be active participants in all classes. Additionally, in order to foster your child's social and emotional growth, please encourage him or her to get involved in extra-curricular activities. Studies have shown that students who play sports, participate in Fine Arts, and/or participate in clubs tend to enjoy their high school experience and achieve higher levels of success.

To assist you with back to school shopping, I want to make sure that you know that all high school students in Clayton County will be required to wear uniforms. At Charles Drew, that consists of khaki, blue, or black slacks and white, yellow/gold, navy blue, or grey collared shirts. Students will be expected to be in uniform dress daily, you will be notified if we have periodic dress down days. Please refer to www.clayton.k12.ga.us for further information concerning recent updates to the district's Uniform Dress Policy.

Below are a few additional updates:

- **First Day of School:** August 6, 2018
- **School Start Time:** First period begins promptly at 8:50 AM, so please make sure students are at school by 8:45 AM. Students who need school breakfast should report by 8:35 AM.
- **Senior Parent/Student Meeting:** July 31, 2018 @ 6:30 PM in main cafeteria
- **Open House & 9th Grade Orientation:** Will be announced once the district releases date.

Committed To A Standard of Excellence

"Today We Learn, Tomorrow We Lead"



Charles Drew High School

~Home of the Titans~

6237 Garden Walk Blvd

Riverdale, GA 30274

Main (770) 472-2820 Fax (770) 472-2825

Stephanie Trice, Principal

William Silveri, Assistant Principal

Nezetta Johnson, Assistant Principal

Dennis Truitt, Assistant Principal

Throughout this year, we will work diligently to increase the communication and partnership between parents and the school community. In doing so, I ask that you frequently check our website for updated school information and make sure that your telephone numbers and email addresses are updated in your child's records. In addition to utilizing our website, telephone call system, and emails to keep you informed of important information, we are also working to expand our social media presence. Once all our social media sites are ready and updated, we will notify you.

If you have not received your child's final report card from 2017-2018, they are available for pick-up at the school. Ninth grade parents will need to return to the middle school for report card pick-up. I would also encourage you to visit CDHS to get your Gradebook username and password, so you can check your child's grades on the internet. These usually arrive at the school by the end of August. Once they arrive, we will notify you.

In closing, please feel free to call, e-mail, or visit me with your concerns or ideas for the improvement of our school. The staff and I look forward to partnering with you in our renewed pursuit of excellence at CDHS. A new, exciting day is on the horizon for Charles R. Drew High School!

Educationally Yours,

Stephanie K. Trice

Stephanie K. Trice

Principal

Committed To A Standard of Excellence

"Today We Learn, Tomorrow We Lead"