



Dear Titan Family,

Happy New Year! Summer is almost over and we are getting ready for the 2019-2020 school year! My name is Dr. Christine Handy and I am excited to serve as the new principal of Albert Einstein High School. I come with more than 30 years of experience as an educator, including 20 years as a high school principal, 11 right here in MCPS. I look forward to meeting you at upcoming parent meetings. I am looking forward to the school year and to experiencing the many reasons why we say, Einstein is "The Place to Be!" We are excited to welcome almost 1800 students to Einstein HS for the new school year.

The administrative team at Einstein is ready to serve the Einstein school community. Please note our dynamic team and their assignments.

9th Grade – Ms. Shanay Snead
10th Grade – Mr. Nathaniel Collins
11th Grade – Dr. Cynthia Webb
12th Grade – Ms. Betty PierreSaint-Walla
Business Administrator- Mr. Michael Plank

Some Einstein HS staff have either promoted, relocated, or sought a change in school assignment, thus we have hired a great team of new teachers and staff for the upcoming year. As you meet them, please join me in giving them a grand Einstein Welcome!

Our bell schedule will remain the same as last year. Our students will start school at 7:45AM and school will end at 2:30 PM. Students should arrive by 7:30 AM, which gives them ample time to socialize and get to class on time. Traffic is challenging in front of the school so please plan accordingly so that your child does not start the day running late to first period. Our teachers will be on duty beginning at 7:30 AM and a few security staff are on duty at 6:30 AM thus, NO students are permitted to enter the building prior to 6:45 AM. Please refrain from dropping students off much earlier than that, as there is limited supervision available and safety and security is a priority. Remember the purpose of the later start time is so that high school students can get more sleep. Please encourage your children to go to bed at a reasonable hour and get proper rest. They are often texting and on social media, long after you have turned in for the night. (My suggestion is to put the charging station in the hallway.) Also, when you are back to school shopping, please ensure that clothing is appropriate for school. We will be updating the dress code and I would appreciate your support.

We are embracing many challenges and changes in education and it is more important now than ever before that we join forces and partner with each other on this journey. When we work together, great things happen for our students. **PARENTS ARE OUR PARTNERS!** Our PTSA and Boosters need your support. They need your input, your presence, your volunteer time, your network and resources, and your financial support. Please partner with AEHS and help us to make our school community an amazing place to educate our students and to develop the FUTURE. Your involvement does make a difference. Please join our PTSA. Also, our Boosters, Alumni Association, and Einstein's Hall of Fame need your support. They provide financial resources to AEHS to support varied student programs, scholarships, and teachers. Of course, donations directly to the school are always welcome. Be on the lookout for a link to **Sign Up Genius** for volunteer opportunities for the Boosters.

Communication is a priority. In lieu of a summer mailing, we will be posting all necessary back to school information on our school website. Look for the link that says **Back to School**. If you would like a paper version, please stop by the main office to pick up a copy. To stay updated on activities and important announcements, we will be introducing a cell phone app and continue to use our parent list serve, school website and I am creating a Facebook page to provide you with fun and relevant information. You are also invited to follow me on Twitter @PrincipalHandy.

I look forward to serving the Albert Einstein High School community this school year. Please review our website for information on the updated bus schedules (under the Back to School link.) **SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 18th is BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT** from 6PM to 9PM and I am hoping for a record breaking turn out of parents. We have lots of goodies for you – AEHS Spirit Wear, PTSA dues, deals on the Yearbook, registration for PSAT 9 and 11, you can pay Senior Dues, learn more about AP and IB testing, register for the MYMCPS Parent Portal and more. So, bring your money and be prepared to shop but most importantly, prepare to meet our awesome staff, learn about your child's courses, and meet the new principal (smile). These are exciting times for our school community and I truly believe that AEHS is ready - The Best is yet to come!

We Are Titans!

Dr. Christine Handy
Principal