



## BENJAMIN STODDERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**Believe. Inspire. Grow. #thinkB.I.G.**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can you believe that the start of another school year is just around the corner? I am hoping that you have taken an opportunity to relax and enjoy time with your family. Speaking of family, there are some new additions to our Benjamin Stoddert family that I'd like to share with you.

My name is Erica L. Williams and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as the new principal of Benjamin Stoddert Middle School. Prior to this principal appointment, I served as a vice principal at both Milton Somers and Benjamin Stoddert Middle Schools. I was also a Math Resource Teacher at John Hanson and General Smallwood Middle Schools, and a classroom teacher in Prince George's County. I have taught several subjects over my eighteen years in education, with most of my tenure as a classroom teacher in the area of Mathematics. Empowering students to exceed all expectations is my passion, so it is with great pleasure that I formally welcome all of our students and parents to an awesome school year.

Joining our administrative team this year is **Mrs. Marquelle Peavy**, who will be our **sixth grade Vice Principal**. Mrs. Peavy has been an English teacher as well as an administrator at St. Charles High School and was also a Language Arts teacher at Mattawoman Middle School. **Ms. Sylvia Locklear**, who will be our **Administrative Intern**, is joining us from Fayetteville, North Carolina, where she served as a teacher for eight years, Gifted and Talented Facilitator for five years, and an administrator for six years. Returning to the administrative team are **Mr. Shannon**, our **seventh grade Vice Principal** and **Dr. Adams**, our **eighth grade Vice Principal**. Our Benjamin Stoddert Family also consists of new counselors, teachers, and additional staff that you will meet over the course of the school year.

Now, more than ever, a high quality education is needed for all students to meet the challenges they will face in their post-graduation endeavors. Our school vision this year is to prepare students to become scholars and strategic thinkers who will grow into college and career-ready leaders and productive citizens of character and integrity. We are therefore dedicated to building pathways to success in a safe learning environment. To do so, we are on a mission to provide meaningful, data-driven instruction that empowers our students to think critically, persevere through challenges, and reflect on progress attainment. It is our goal to improve academic work habits and strengthen students' social skills essential to their success. Understanding that it takes a village to develop well-rounded students, our staff is firmly committed to working collaboratively with our parents and community towards the advancement of our school's vision.

Let's **live** our new motto to the fullest: "Believe. Inspire. Grow." #thinkB.I.G.

In preparation for the coming school year, **New Student Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 pm**. Incoming sixth graders and new students to Benjamin Stoddert will have the opportunity to follow their course schedule, briefly meet with teachers and familiarize themselves with all aspects of the

school building. We will also hold an “**Admin Team Meet and Greet**” on **August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-7:30 pm**. This event is open to all Benjamin Stoddert families as an opportunity to meet the new administrative team and to learn information about our upcoming school renovations.

**Open House for all students will take place on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm**. Open House provides a more in-depth meeting with the teachers, learning about school policies and procedures, county curricula, classroom schedules and teacher expectations.

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first day of school!** School hours are from 8:30-3:00. Breakfast is served during homeroom beginning at 8:15 am.

To my 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please make sure you submit updated immunization records. According to Maryland School Immunization Regulations (COMAR 10.06.04), students are required to have two additional immunizations *before* entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade: the **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis)** and the MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccines. Please know if your child has not submitted his/her updated immunization record that he/she **will not be permitted** to attend classes until that documentation is received.

Listed below are several key points to also keep in mind as you and your child prepare for the first day of school:

- Bus Schedules are located on the Charles County Public School website. The link is: <https://www.ccboe.com/index.php/school-locator>
- Student lunches cost \$2.90, reduced price is \$.40.
- Parents can deposit meal money online at [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).
- All volunteers will need to complete the new online application if you plan to assist our school in any capacity. The link to register is <https://www.ccboe.com/index.php/volunteers>

Again, welcome to an awesome school year. Let's **#thinkB.I.G.** and accomplish great things together!

Sincerely,

Erica L. Williams  
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