



WELCOME TO 2019-20

AUGUST 2019

DEAR LATIN PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

This summer has been a busy one for us, not only planning for this year but also working on our expansion plans. Even as we continue to work on the new campus, we remain steadfastly focused on ensuring that your children have the kind of enriching and challenging experience at Latin that has been the case for the past 13 years.

The start of school is just around the corner, and I hope you are looking forward to this new beginning as much as I am. We will get together the afternoon of Sunday, August 18th with our annual beginning of the year gathering in the gym, sponsored by the Parent-Faculty Association (PFA). Other start-of-year events include:

- **5th Grade Orientation** for students and parents - Tuesday 8/20 from 9:00-11:00 am
- **New-to-Latin 9th Grade Orientation** for students and parents - Tuesday 8/20 from 2:00-3:00 pm
- **Advisor-Parent Conferences** on Wednesday 8/21 (you should have received a separate email with the sign-up directions) – all parents are encouraged to register for this
- **FIRST DAY of SCHOOL** is Thursday 8/22 for all grades!

Please take note of other important events or milestones in the list of key dates included in this packet and the continually updated online calendar at www.latinpcs.org.

We value the partnership we share in the education of your children and we want to work even more closely together this year on their behalf. I want to remind you of three critical ideas that I hope will shape how you think about being a Latin parent/guardian. They match what we also ask of our students:

- **Be present and involved.** I hope you will take advantage of the many offerings Latin has, both tried and true and new this year. That includes student performances, conferences with teachers, speaker series events, and Parent-Faculty forums. You can volunteer – we can use you in our athletic program, in the library, in classrooms or in our fundraising efforts. Share your expertise with students in our Beyond These Walls series to share career information with students. And join us for social events, starting with the Parent-Faculty Social next month – fun, free, and a great way to connect with our wonderful community. And I hope to spend quality time with many of you during my morning chats.
- **Be open.** The diversity of our campus is not only unusual, it is crucial to our model of classical education. We are working to deepen our community's understanding and connections across difference, including students, faculty and parents. I urge you to join these activities, which we

will share with you throughout the year.

- ***Be positive and flexible.*** Give us the benefit of the doubt. If you hear something that does not “seem right,” check in with us. Be optimistic. Think about how we can work together and what we can do collaboratively to “make things right.”

We aim to be in touch with our parents in a variety of ways, including two weekly all-school emails (*Legenda* on Fridays, *DeFacto* on Sunday) You can read more about what to expect in our Communications Guide. Please be sure to add the communication@latinpcs.org email to your address book so that you do not miss important messages from the school. And, kindly, update us ASAP with any changes to your contact information (there is a button on the Parents’ home page).

We are excited to launch the school year with you and your children. See you very soon!

Warmest regards,



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