



“IT’S A NEW DAY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome from the Principal

I want to welcome ALL of our students to the 2022-2023 school year! It’s a New Day!

We are a small school that continues to produce graduates and lead the way in our county and the state. Our formula for success and philosophical approach continues to improve with each passing year. Our faculty and staff rally on innovative thinking and taking an outside-the-box approach to provide all students with the opportunity to succeed. Here are a couple of thoughts that I want you to embrace. In education, “it is not as important to be the first as much as it is to know how to get there;” and the second one is “we cannot control how people and society in general comes at us, but we can control how we respond.”

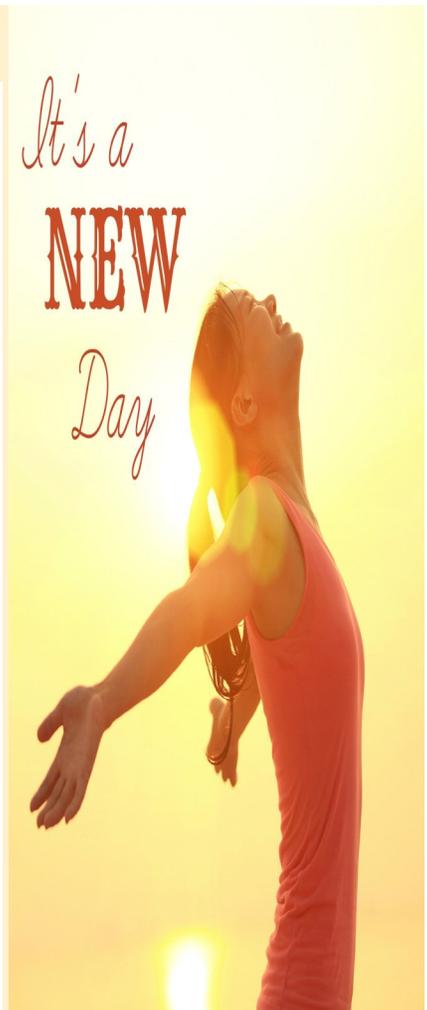
Life in general has taught me many lessons. I want to share some of those lessons with you, because I feel that you can identify with some of them. In the process, allow yourself to reflect on your current situation.

I grew up in a single parent home where mom was not present, and my father didn’t really pay attention to my school or education. Because of my lack of effort, attendance, getting into trouble and rebelling against people that attempted to help me, I almost didn’t get my diploma. After having been told by 16 different principals that I was not welcomed at their school, my dream of getting a diploma became almost impossible. A guidance counselor, who I hardly knew, decided to help me. I was reluctant to even try to go back to school, because I had hardened my ways, didn’t trust people, and often walked the streets with a chip on my shoulder. Yet somehow, even when I was not looking for trouble, trouble always found me. At times, I felt as though I was destined to live a life on the streets! Then there was a realization, on my own time and before credit recovery. I really wanted to get my diploma for me, because it seem that the whole world didn’t think that I could do it. With lots of effort and support from the guidance counselor, I managed to earn my high school diploma at the age of 20! I couldn’t have imagined that 19 years later I would become principal of a school. If someone would have predicted that, I would have told that person that whatever they smoked that morning, it must have been really good, because they were seeing things.

The moral of the story is this: most of you are coming to Simmons because you have fallen behind academically. In some cases, episodes dealing with money, health and emotional situations have pushed you away from school. In other cases, people have given up on you, and most importantly, you have given up on yourself. Many of you cannot make up your mind and wish to go to school at your convenience while you work and have fun. Yet others are too consumed with what’s going on with social media that so long as you have wifi and a way to keep your cell phone charged, that’s all that matters to you. We can go on and on about the various excuses that exist as to why you have not been successful. Remember this, success is not going to come to you, you have to go towards success. We can provide the setting, encouragement, help and give you the tools to be successful; but until you decide to be successful, you will not be successful by accident. I hope that while you are at Simmons, you take full advantage of what we have to offer, after all, what is your alternative?

Respectfully,

Your Principal – Mr. C



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EXCEPTIONAL CENTER INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE, TARDY POLICY, SIGN IN/SIGN OUT PROCEDURES:

Students are expected to arrive to school, on-time, and prepared to learn. PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8:45. AS SUPERVISION IS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL THAT TIME. Students who need to leave campus must be signed out in the main office and parents must provide identification to sign out students.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Department will contact you to go over the bus schedule and procedures once a bus has been identified and assigned.



“Someday is NOW and that Somebody is YOU!!”

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	9:15 - 9:18
*Attendance	9:20 - 10:12
<i>Passing</i>	10:12 - 10:15
Period 2	10:15 - 11:07
<i>Passing</i>	11:07 - 11:10
Period 3	11:10 - 11:50 Lunch
<i>Passing</i>	11:50 - 11:53
Period 4	11:53 - 12:45
<i>Passing</i>	12:45 - 12:48
Period 5	12:48 - 1:40
<i>Passing</i>	1:40 - 1:43
Period 6	1:43 - 2:35
<i>Passing</i>	2:35 - 2:38
Period 7	2:38 - 3:30



First Day of School August 10, 2022
 School Hours: 8:30 - 3:30 P. M.

Monday Early Release
 8:30 - 2:30 P. M.

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	8:30 - 9:19
*Attendance	9:10 - 9:19
<i>Passing</i>	9:19 - 9:23
Period 2	9:23 - 10:12
<i>Passing</i>	10:12 - 10:16
Period 3	10:16 - 11:05
<i>Passing</i>	11:05 - 11:09
Period 4	11:09 - 11:58
	LUNCH
<i>Passing</i>	11:58 - 12:02
Period 5	12:02 - 12:51
	LUNCH
<i>Passing</i>	12:51 - 12:55
Period 6	12:55 - 1:44
<i>Passing</i>	1:44 - 1:48
Period 7	1:48 - 2:37
<i>Passing</i>	2:37 - 2:41
Period 8	2:41 - 3:30

STUDENT ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2022-2023

Students' First Day of School	Wednesday, Aug 10, 2022
Labor Day Holiday/Non-Student Day	Monday, Sep 5, 2022
End of 1st Grading Period	Wednesday, Oct 12, 2022
* Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	Friday, Nov 11, 2022
* Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, Nov 22, 2022 - Friday, Nov 25, 2022
Students Return to School	Monday, Nov 28, 2022
End of 2nd Grading Period (End of 1st Semester)	Friday, Dec 23, 2022
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, Dec 26, 2022 - Monday, Jan 9, 2023
Students Return to School	Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/Non-Student Day	Monday, Jan 16, 2023
Non-Student Day	Friday, Feb 17, 2023
Non-Student Day	Monday, Mar 6, 2023
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, Mar 13, 2023 - Friday, Mar 17, 2023
End of 3rd Grading Period	Friday, Mar 24, 2023
Non-Student Day	Friday, April 7, 2023
End of 4th Grading Period (End of Semester)	Friday, May 26, 2023
Students' Last Day of School	Friday, May 26, 2023



“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR CURRICULUM

Welcome Back! I hope you enjoyed your summer. I also hope you were able to relax, recharge and are ready to start the new 2022 – 2023 school year.

It is with great joy and excitement that I am joining you as the new Assistant Principal for Curriculum. I come to you with 25 years of experience and can't wait to meet you and navigate this journey with you. I am a strong believer in the saying, “Kids don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.” I am a strong advocate for students that just need that extra push to be successful.

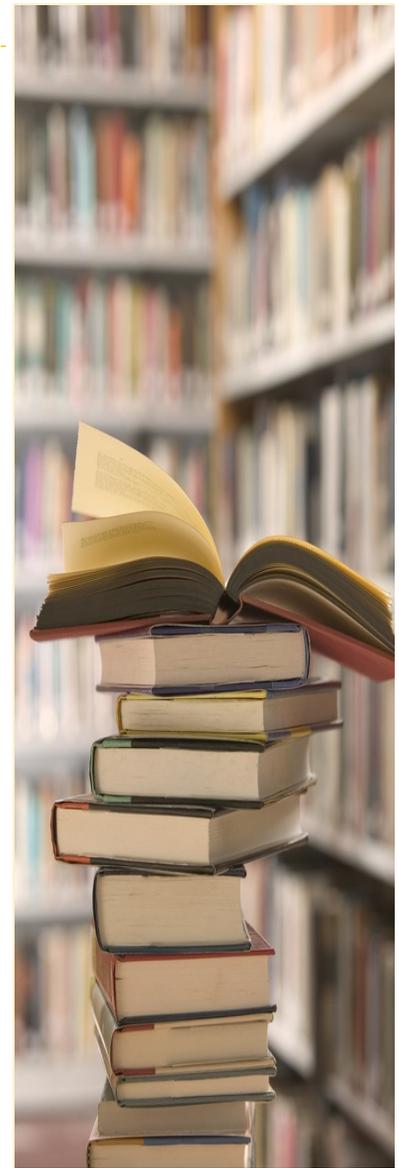
Simmons is such a special place to learn and grow. Our goal for all our students is to provide the necessary tools to ensure academic success for all. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with each one of you to help you feel valued, accepted and safe. Nothing makes us happier than our students earning their high school diploma and walking across the stage. Students at Simmons are committed to coming to school daily, putting forth their

best effort, taking advantage of learning opportunities, and asking for assistance when needed.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year. We also invite and encourage parents to partner with us and become active participants in your student's education, because your support is so important to their success.

Again, I am excited for this amazing opportunity to serve as your Assistant Principal for Curriculum and look forward to meeting all of you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Theresa Williams
Assistant Principal for Curriculum



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