



Welcome Back to School!

Dear Students, Families, and Community Members,

On behalf of the entire staff at Bridges Preparatory Academy, I am excited to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year! We hope you have enjoyed a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to partnering with you for another successful year of learning and growth.

The first day of school is August 12, and we cannot wait to welcome our students back into the building. We also invite you to join us for our Back-to-School Event/Open House on August 4. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers and staff, learn about the upcoming school year, and reconnect with our school community.

Looking Ahead to the 2026-2027 School Year

I am please to welcome back to the team Ms. Amy Lanier. Ms. Lanier will lead our 1/2 classroom and we could not be more excited for this, her commitment to academics is off the charts. Mrs. Obringer will be our 3/4 classroom teacher. We are also excited to welcome Mr. Troy McKee, who will be our new 5-8 grade math and science teacher. Mrs. Lau will be transitioning into a support role as our new 5-8 instructional aide. We have also hired a K-4 instructional aide, Ms. Faith Eachus, and we are excited to have her on the team as well. Mr. Tennison will transition from our BIS to our new special's teacher leading both the music and physical education departments. Mr. Kluge will move to our second intervention specialist position; he has worked in intervention for nearly a decade a brings a wealth of knowledge to our special education department.

Our school focus will continue to be on creating a safe, supportive, and academically challenging environment where every student can thrive. We remain committed to building strong partnerships with families and ensuring all students are prepared for future success. This remains our commitment at Bridges Preparatory Academy, we believe every student can achieve great things. Our dedicated staff is committed to providing high-quality instruction, fostering meaningful relationships, and creating a positive school culture where students feel valued, supported, and inspired to learn.

Thank you for choosing Bridges Preparatory Academy. We are honored to serve your family and look forward to working together throughout the school year. Please review the enclosed materials for important information regarding school policies, supply lists, dress code expectations, and upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon and making the 2026-2027 school year our best yet!

Warm regards,

Paul Shoemaker, Head of School

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