



Park Forest – Chicago Heights School District 163

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Superintendent

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Dear 8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to our return to school for the 2021-22 year and we hope that you and your families are safe and well. All School District 163 8th grade students will participate in the Leadership Development and Mentoring program during the school year. All 8th grade students and teachers at Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts will participate in 8th Grade Genius Week in August, and quarterly during the school year. Students will also engage in ongoing leadership activities, Principal mentoring events, weekly motivational activities, and community service experiences.

Each 8th grade student will wear leadership apparel daily beginning Friday, August 20, 2021. Students will need a leadership cardigan, white shirts, khaki or navy pants/skirt. All 8th grade students will be required to wear leadership apparel every day. A Leadership Launch Pearls and Ties ceremony will be hosted for all 8th graders and their parents. Pearls and ties will be provided for the students. Please see the pictures below of our Leadership Apparel. You may purchase the apparel from local stores. We will also share a link and pricing information on June 1st if you would like to order your apparel. *The 8th Grade Leadership Ambassador Cardigan will be embroidered with school information and must be purchased through our vendor beginning June 1st for \$20 per cardigan.* Also, in August, we will host an 8th Grade Leadership Pop-Up Shop for purchasing apparel at Michelle Obama School. More information will follow regarding the on-site 8th Grade Leadership Apparel Pop-Up Shop.

It is the vision of School District 163 that our 8th Grade Leadership Development and Mentoring program will have a positive impact on our young leaders by focusing on leadership activities in the school and community, enhancing positive self-image, promoting positive social emotional growth, discovering individual interests and potential, and providing opportunities for goal setting through engaging experiences. It is our desire to promote the greatness within each student!

The school Principal will host an 8th Grade Parent Forum in August and during Open House in September to share more information about the 2020-21 Leadership Development and Mentoring Program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Caletha White

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“Continuing to Build Positive and Effective Learning Communities”



8th Grade Leadership Apparel

White short sleeve polo shirt

White long sleeve button up dress shirt (with or without pocket)

White short sleeve button up dress shirt (with or without pocket)

Girls navy or khaki pleated skirt

Girls or boys navy or khaki pants

