Greetings Imagine Andrews Families,

It’s a great day at Imagine Andrews! We have had a great first month of school! I would like to thank many of you for your support and feedback via surveys, conversations and e-mails. During the first month of school we have completed our first administration of the STAR assessment. At this time, all parents should have received a parent report for your child’s STAR assessment results. If you have not received that report, please contact the classroom teacher.

One of our goals this year is to increase the effectiveness of communication to families. We recently adopted an application called MySchoolApp. If you have not downloaded the application to your smartphone, please do so as soon as possible. We have gotten great feedback on the use of the application within the first month of use.

We are also in the process of addressing some issues with the morning carline. The inside lane will be blocked to keep cars from going around the carline process. Several cars are dropping scholars off in the parking lot, to avoid the carline. This is a huge safety hazard. I ask that you refrain from dropping scholars off in the parking lot. Another option would be to park in the maintenance building lot, further down San Antonio Blvd and walk the younger children over or allow the older children to walk alone.

All of the things that I am asking are in the best interest of our scholars and a part of my commitment to partnering with families. Please continue to support and partner with us, through this journey.

Regards,

H. Douglas Rice II, Principal

Meet the New PTO Officers

From left to right: Arnita Evans, President, Michelle Dunn, Vice President, Trisha Lindsey, Secretary, Christine Gramlich, Treasurer (not pictured)
Our Crisis Interventionist: A Formal Introduction

Margaret Joseph is the Crisis Intervention Specialist at Imagine Andrews Public Charter School. Ms. Joseph provides evidence-based interventions and counseling to ensure that students are performing at their best academic potential. Ms. Joseph holds a Master’s Degree in Education (M.Ed.) degree in school counseling from Loyola University, Maryland and a Bachelor’s Degree (BS) in psychology from York College of Pennsylvania.

She is a certified school counselor by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Ms. Joseph also has previous experience as a long-term substitute counselor and teacher in K-12 settings in the Howard County Public School System.
Anti-Bullying Month

The United States Department of Education defines bullying as unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

The Dean of Culture and Crisis Interventionist will engage the students in activities and develop a charge/pledge to honor our community commitment to stop/prevent bullying in our school.

If you need additional information as to how to talk to your child about this subject, please access http://www.stopbullying.gov.

Our students are encouraged to wear orange t-shirts on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. Students are still expected to wear their uniform bottoms and uninterrupted black shoes.
National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month
The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

We are encouraging teachers to decorate their doors to show respect, our character trait of the month, and celebrate the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans. Interesting facts will be read over the morning announcements daily.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Students are asked to wear a pink shirt to promote Breast Cancer Awareness month on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Students are still expected to wear their uniform bottoms and uninterrupted black shoes.

http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov
Click on the link about as a resource.