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To the New Students and Families of the Walter B. Saul High School:

This is the second newsletter of the summer and includes more information to help best prepare you for the fall at Saul. We will hold a family town hall during the first week of August to help frame school reopening based on the ever-changing information we have. We continue to have many unanswered questions as to what school will look like this fall. However, we are busy making plans that will align with guidelines from the School District, City of Philadelphia, and State as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. More information about this town hall will appear in the next newsletter.

**Health Information:** Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/SaulHealth20> to download and complete the required medical and dental forms prior to the start of school.

**Transportation:** Most Saul students rely on SEPTA Charter Bus Service to and from school from various locations throughout the city. Please visit our website: <https://saul.philasd.org/transportation/> to see the various routes that will bring you to Saul. If you live more than 1.5 miles from school, you will be eligible for a free weekly transpass to ride SEPTA.

**Pre-Season Fall Sports:** Football begins on August 10th. All other Fall sports begin August 17th. Students interested in playing a Fall sport must have a valid PIAA physical completed **after** June 1, 2020. If you have any questions about athletics at Saul, please contact Mary Creighton, Athletic Director at [mcreighton@philasd.org](mailto:mcreighton@philasd.org).

**Orientation Day:** Thursday, August 27, 2020. It might look different than what we originally planned and imagined. Stay tuned for more details.

**Saul Gear Store:** Check out our wide variety of Saul gear on SquadLocker. You have a choice of apparel, as well as two different Saul logos. All gear is delivered straight to your door! Any of this gear is appropriate for wearing at Saul.  
<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/w-b-saul-high-school-of-agricultural-sciences>



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**Saul Dress Code:** Saul is a Career and Technical Education school. This means that safety and professionalism are of utmost importance. With this at the center of all we do, our mantra is *Dress for the Job*, which includes coming to school in clothing that provides full coverage to help students engage in the indoor and outdoor activities associated with being a school focused on agriculture and hands-on learning. The Saul dress code is simple. **Tops:** shirts must be **crew neck** and **have sleeves** (short sleeves are fine), and be free of large logos/designs, or holes. No shirts should be tied at the waist. **Bottoms:** Jeans or pants fitted at the waist, without holes, can be worn. Students are not permitted to wear skirts, capris, or shorts. **Closed-Toe Shoes:** Sneakers, boots, and tennis shoes are all acceptable. All students will have work boots that they can keep in their lockers and change into for Agriculture classes. At no time are students permitted to wear clothing which exposes the undergarments, buttocks, midriff, or chest. Again, this is for our students' safety. Here is a list of garments to refrain from wearing at Saul:

- Workout clothes
- Jeggings, tights, or other spandex material
- Shorts
- Jeans or any pants with holes, rips, tears, or patches
- Toms
- Crocs
- Flip-flops
- Sandals
- Open toed, side, or backed shoes
- Clogs
- Hats & Hoodies (in the building)
- Visible undergarments
- No inappropriate images or designs
- Pajama Pants

**For Agriculture classes:**

Because students spend significant time outdoors and in the barns for their Agriculture classes, they are: required to wear **work boots** (for safety reasons, **steel-toed boots are not allowed**.) and permitted to keep a change of clothes in their



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lockers. There is no need to purchase expensive agricultural boots. We will be talking more about boots at orientation.

**Physical Education Uniform**

The Physical Education uniform consists of a gray Saul t-shirt (available for purchase at the school). Students can wear any shorts, sweatpants, or leggings for PE.

**Saul's Website:** Check out our website, <https://saul.philasd.org>, for more information about the school. We are always adding new content and relevant information, so please keep checking back. Our families come from all over our city, from many different neighborhoods and schools, composing our diverse community of learners. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexa K. Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Alexa K. Dunn, Principal