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

This is the third newsletter of the summer and includes more information to help best prepare you for the fall at Saul. It was wonderful to see some of you at our first Saul Family Town Hall last week.

For those of you who missed the Town Hall: here is [the recording](#) and [the slide deck](#) for your information.

New Family Information Form: Please complete this [New Family Information Form](#) if you haven't already done so. It is vital we get the most up to date information for you and your family, especially since we will be virtual for the first part of the school year.

Orientation Day: Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 4pm. Stay tuned for more details, including the Zoom link.

Need a Chromebook: Please refer to the slide deck for information on pick up sites, dates, and times. In short, Chromebook Distribution Centers operate from Monday - Friday, 9AM - 2PM. Locations: 440 North Broad Street (Central) ,Fitzpatrick Annex (Northeast), and MLK High School (Northwest).

Materials Lists and Textbook Distribution: We will be at Saul on Monday, 8/31 and Tuesday 9/1 from 9am-4pm to distribute textbooks and materials lists. Please mark your calendars now. More details will follow.

Health Information: Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/SaulHealth20> to download and complete the required medical and dental forms prior to the start of school. Hold onto your completed forms at this time. We will follow up with how to submit them.

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



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Saul. If you live more than 1.5 miles from school, you will be eligible for a free weekly transpass to ride SEPTA.

Fall Sports: There will be no “in person” Athletics until Jan 1. There will be virtual programming to be determined. If you have any questions about athletics at Saul, please contact Mary Creighton, Athletic Director at mcreighton@philasd.org.

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. Represent your school with pride!

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/w-b-saul-high-school-of-agricultural-sciences>

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 (except in gym)
- Jeggings, tights, or other spandex material
- Shorts
- Jeans or any pants with holes/rips/tears
- Toms
- Crocs



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- Flip-flops
- Sandals
- Open toed, slides, or shoes without backs
- Clogs
- Hats & Hoods (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 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. For the first quarter of the school year (at least), this T-shirt is not required.

For Virtual Learning: We ask that students wear clothes for all school activities and classes. A “uniform” shirt is not necessary.

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'.

Alexa K. Dunn, Principal



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