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Dear August Martin Family,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready to embark on this new school year with renewed enthusiasm for learning. Each year of high school brings new opportunities to evolve academically, socially, and emotionally. No matter where you are on your high school journey, this school year offers you a chance to develop new skills, make new friends, and get involved in our wonderful school community in new ways.

I would like to announce and welcome our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Kudirat Alli-Balogun into our August Martin family. Ms. Alli-B has been an educator serving Queens South for many years as a Teacher Leader with a background in mathematics. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Alli-B to the school community. .

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new 9th graders. **Class of 2027:** as you embark on your high school career, know that your class marks the largest incoming 9th grade class at August Martin in over a decade. This year will offer you the opportunity to dive into high school taking two courses that end in NYS Regents exams while earning 12 credits.

Welcome back, 10th graders! **Class of 2026:** this is an incredibly important school year for our sophomore class. Tenth graders, each of your core content classes (ELA, math, science, social studies) culminate in a Regents exam this year. This is a year of serious focus on academics and an incredible opportunity to build on the skills you learned as 9th graders. Your focus is to improve your cumulative GPA and work hard towards receiving college readiness scores. This is also an exciting year because many of you will begin your college and career pathways by taking Culinary, Aviation or Advanced Placement courses.

I would also like to welcome back our juniors. **Class of 2025,** for those of you vying for that seat at the university you have been dreaming about, this is the year to shine. This is your "let's go!" year: the year that colleges look at, the one that allows you to set yourself apart in the competitive field of college applicants. And if you aren't sure what school that is, or what career path that might be yet, then this is the year to start planning. This year is about creating opportunities that will lead to options down the road. Many of you are taking multiple Advanced Placement courses, continuing your culinary or aviation programs; this is your year to get involved, push yourself to your max and trust in the beauty and power of your voices and choices. Welcome, upperclassman. Your peers in the 9th and 10th grade are looking towards your leadership, and I am looking at you as the leaders I know you are.



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Finally, I would like to welcome back to school **our graduating class, our seniors—the class of 2024**. To our seniors, take a deep breath and live in this moment. Realize the milestone in your life that you begin today. My wish for you this year is that you embrace the idea, “This is not the end but the beginning” and with that, finish this year strong. Apply to those “reach schools”—then reach deep inside and work hard to show them that the seat you’re applying for does belong to you and you have the grades, extracurriculars and recommendations to prove it. Work hard this year! That doesn’t mean never relax, it means invest so deeply in yourself that you recognize your potential and refuse to settle for anything less than meeting it.

If you have any questions at all or would like to speak to your guidance counselor about your courses, college and career pathways or to review your transcript, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Ms. Smith-Macias is our 9th and 10th grade guidance counselor: KSmithmacias@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Cochy is our 11th and 12th grade guidance counselor: DCochy@schools.nyc.gov

Scholars, you deserve nothing less than that vision of your success that you hold in your mind’s eye. I want to remind you that hard work does, in fact, pay off. A fresh start, whether it’s starting in a new school or starting a new year is an opportunity to live more authentically who you are and work towards who you want to be.

I look forward to greeting you on the front steps of our school, visiting you in your classrooms and seeing you grow, thrive and learn. Let’s have a great year!

Sincerely,

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