



# Welcome Back Newsletter

## August 1, 2018



Welcome Back Giants!

I am honored to be your principal for the 18/19 school year! As the Assistant Principal at Sam Vaughn for the last two years I have experienced how great of a school this is, and am truly excited for the future. We all look forward to seeing our students and families very soon and we hope you enjoyed your summer break. This year we will continue to build on our academic excellence by increasing our academic intervention services. Our Back to School Night is Wednesday, August 22nd from 6:00-7:00. We would love to see you on campus and give you the chance to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, and learn about some of the great things they will be learning this year.

During the year we encourage families to participate in our family engagement activities and committees. If you are interested in signing up for our English Learner Advisory Committee, Watch DOGS (positive male role models), School Site Council, or our Parent Teacher Club, please come by the office to get more information. In order to communicate more effectively with families regarding activities and events we will now be using the **Parent Square** communication system. I've included information on Parent Square in the next column. An email was sent to families with a sign up link. Additional information on Parent Square will be shared at Back to School Night. See you there!

Sincerely,

Mr. Merchant



### ParentSquare Tips for Parents

#### 1 Activate Account

Click the link in your invitation email/text or sign up on ParentSquare.com or via the ParentSquare app.

#### 2 Download App

It's easy to stay in the loop with the ParentSquare app. Download it now from the App store or Google Play.

#### 3 Set Preferences

Click your name in the top right to visit your account page and set your notification and language preferences.

#### 4 Get Photos & Files

Click 'Photos & Files' in sidebar to easily access pictures, forms and documents that have been shared with you.

#### 5 Appreciate Posts

Click 'Appreciate' in your email/ app or website to thank a teacher or staff for a post. Teachers love the appreciation.

#### 6 Comment or Reply

Click 'Comment' in app or website to privately ask a question about the post that your teacher or school sent.

#### 7 Participate

Click 'Sign Ups & RSVPs' in the sidebar to see available opportunities. Click bell on top to check your commitments.

#### 8 Join a Group

Click 'Groups' in the sidebar to join a group or committee at your school to participate or to stay up-to-date.

#### 9 Find People

Click 'Directory' in the sidebar to find contact information for teachers and parents (not available at all schools).

#### 10 Get in Touch

Click 'Messages' in the sidebar to privately get in touch with staff, teachers and parent leaders.

### Important Dates

*8/15 First Day of School*

*8/22 Back to School Night 6:00-7:00*

*8/29 Early Release Day @ 1:30*

**ASES Reminder:** All students are recommended to sign up for ASES just in case of an emergency.



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Elementary School  
Home of the Giants