



COLIN POWELL ACADEMY

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Dear 7th Grade Scholars and Families,

Welcome to a brand new school year at Colin Powell Academy!

We are thrilled to begin this next chapter with you. Seventh grade is more than just the middle year of middle school—it is a pivotal moment. It's a time for building momentum, sharpening your focus, and growing into the leaders you are meant to be. At CPA, leadership isn't something we wait for—it's something we step into. And this year, we are calling each of you to rise.

You are no longer newcomers to middle school. You've learned the ropes, and now you are setting the tone—not only for yourselves, but for those around you. As 7th graders, you are emerging as leaders in our building. The choices you make, the way you carry yourself, and the effort you bring to each day—it all matters. It shapes your future and inspires others to follow your lead.

At the core of everything we do are the values, spelled out in the acronym C.A.D.E.T.S:

- Character – Standing tall in your integrity, even when no one is watching.
- Ability – Owning your strengths and working hard to grow.
- Dedication – Showing up with consistency, grit, and purpose.
- Excellence – Not settling for “good enough” when your best is possible.
- Trustworthiness – Earning the confidence of those who depend on you.
- Servanthood – Lifting others as you lead, with heart and humility.

This year is filled with opportunities—academic, social, and extracurricular—that will help you become not just high school ready, but life ready. Clubs, sports, student leadership, community projects, classroom challenges—these are your moments to shine, to stretch, and to shape your story with intention.

To our families: thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. Your encouragement, guidance, and involvement are essential to your child's success, and we are honored to walk this journey with you.

To our students: know that we believe in you. We see your potential, and we expect great things because we know what you're capable of. This is your time to lead with courage, to live with purpose, and to leave your mark—not just at CPA, but in the world beyond.

Let's make this year count.

With pride and purpose,

Aaron Pankey

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