STRAWBERRY MANSION HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2020

The ROUNDTABLE

EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY. EQUITY.



Welcome To The Mansion!

Welcome back! We are beyond excited for this school year and for the opportunity to teach the young Kings and Queens of Strawberry Mansion. To say that 2020 has been a challenging year is an understatement. We have been faced with unprecedented challenges as well as hidden opportunities. It has unveiled some of the truths and beliefs about inequity, implicit bias, and innovation within our schools. I would like to thank all of the

members of our school community who have been in contact to express concerns, offered solutions, and asked key questions that helped our school to develop a strong plan for the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to work to build strong relationships, launch a strong advisory system, high quality instruction that prepares scholars for opportunity, and ensure relevancy in the classroom through rich content and real world learning through our career pathways Music, Media, and Management. Currently, we are using a virtual model, but

through rich content and real world learning through our career pathways Music, Media, and Management. Currently, we are using a virtual model, but we know that we must plan to eventually phase into the building safely. Safety and equity will be our primary focus as we look to ensure that THIS plan focuses on ensuring that our most vulnerable students and populations are considered. As we chart a path to the commencement ceremonies of our graduating class, The Class of 2021, we know that the road will be bumpy. We also know that the only way to navigate through these difficult times is to move as one unit, as a community. We will move together by maintaining strong communication, by learning and growing together, and by valuing what each other brings into our school family. With PRIDE, *Principal McCracken*



MANSION MEETUP...

The first Mansion Meetup back to school celebration and book bag giveaway, sponsored by Comcast Internet Essentials, was a huge success! This three day welcome back event was held in the school yard of Strawberry Mansion High School on August 28th, August 31st, and September 1st, 2020. Enrolled Mansion scholars each received a brand new Apple iPad, bluetooth wireless keyboard, and protective hard case as well as FREE internet for three years! Scholars and families along with Mansion staff had the opportunity to enjoy food trucks and a DJ during this socially distanced back to school event. Thank you Comcast for your generous donation to our deserving scholars! The next Mansion Meet Up will take place October 9th from 12pm to 3pm... Keep showing your **PRIDE** and check out the re-cap video of the event on YouTube!



SEPTEMBER 30 Back to School Night 5:30-7pm



OCTOBER 9 Mansion Meet Up 12-3pm



OCTOBER 19-21 Interim Reports



NOVEMBER 3 NO SCHOOL! Election Day

Voter Registration Senior Community Service Project

As part of the Strawberry Mansion High School's commitment to servicing our community, Mansion seniors are participating in "When We All Vote" a national voter registration drive campaign. In a collaboration between Senior Seminar and Social Science scholars, they will be responsible to research the history of voter suppression, understand the impact of voter participation, register people to vote, and create social media voting advertisements, as well as work the polls on Election Day, November 3rd, 2020. In addition, Mansion Media Arts scholars are also supporting this voting campaign by creating logos for "Vote That Jawn." This art contest can empower scholars to make a BIG impact in voter turnout for this



election. K-12 students can't vote, but they can use their artistic talents to inspire and motivate their families and neighbors to vote. The 5 winning contestant's logos will be turned into decals, window clings, and merchandise. Hopefully Mansion scholars can inspire the next generation to get involved early, and support the15th Amendment!

NEW KNIGHTS at Our Roundtable...

Welcome to the team! The 2020-2021 school year brings new knights to our roundtable... **Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cobb, Chef McLean, Nurse Cobbs,** and **Mrs. Vargas.** We're thrilled to have you at Strawberry Mansion High School. You're a valuable asset to our team and we hope you have a great school year... Now you're a **"Knight 4LIFE!"**



Mathematics Mr. Anderson



P.E. & Health Mr. Cobb



Culinary Arts Chef McLean



English Mrs. Vargas NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

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School Nurse Mrs. Cobbs



Mansion Athletics RETURN!

Calling all Mansion scholar athletes... Athletics have gone virtual until January 4th, 2021! Information for the virtual seasons can be found on each team's Google Classroom along with workout plans from your coach, and information on city-wide town hall meetings with professional athletes, as well as NCAA College Sports Information. Virtual Season I (Fall Sports) is September 14 to October 23 and the sports offered include: Girls Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country. Virtual Season II (Spring Sports) is October 19 to November 27 and the sports offered include:

baseball and track and field. Make sure to join via Google Classroom if you plan on playing a sport this year. Please contact Mr. Knepp for further information at zknepp@philasd.org.



The **School Advisory Council (SAC)** is a peer elected, collaborative team that works to improve student achievement, effective teaching in the classroom, and parent and community engagement in the educational process. Being on Mansion's School Advisory Council is a wonderful opportunity to work in partnership with parents and participate in school planning. For additional information, please email Mr. McCracken at bmccracken@philasd.org.