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Hello Confluence Community,

The 2025–2026 school year is off to a fantastic start! Our campuses were filled with excitement on the first day as students returned ready to learn and grow. Each of our schools celebrated in their own special way with back-to-school barbecues, ice cream floats, and meet-the-teacher nights and dinners, reminding us of the strong community we share across Confluence Academies.

This month also marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15). Our schools are proud to honor the rich cultures and traditions of the Hispanic community.

We are also excited to share new additions across our campuses, from refreshed spaces made possible through the support of our strong community partnerships to inspiring student-created artwork that reflects the spirit of Confluence.

Thank you for your continued support of our scholars. We are proud to serve our students and families!

Warm Regards,

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First Day of School Excitement



A great start to the 2025–2026 school year! Teachers and staff at CPA, GCAA, Old North, and South City Academy were thrilled to welcome students on the first day of school. The day was filled with excitement and anticipation as students reunited with friends and teachers, and met new classmates.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2025 Back to School Bash! Days before the first bell rang, more than 1,000 students and family members came together to connect with school leaders, partners, and vendors while picking up supplies and even enjoying free haircuts. Outside, kids had a blast with bubbles, inflatables, and food trucks.

Kicking Off the Year at MOBOT



Confluence teachers and staff came together at our annual Back to School event, filled with energy and excitement for the year ahead. We spent the morning at the Missouri Botanical Garden setting goals, hearing inspirational messages from school leaders, and reconnecting with colleagues. It's not often we're able to gather staff from all four schools in one place, and it's always inspiring to see the shared commitment to nurturing and empowering our students and families!

Confluence Preparatory Academy



Congratulations to CPA's Jayvonte Hughes! Jayvonte earned 1st Place in the Youth RBC Activators Fellowship and Pitch Competition for his project, *"Art for Change: Student Expression Gallery."* His inspiring initiative uses art as a tool for healing, amplifying student voices, and building community.

Earlier this year, The Opportunity Trust and Activate Missouri launched this leadership program to empower high school students to identify challenges in their schools and design real solutions. Winners received seed funding to help bring their visions to life, and we can't wait to see Jayvonte's ideas in action!





CPA kicked off the school year with its First Fridays celebration. Titans students and staff enjoyed delicious ice cream floats and plenty of school spirit. The perfect way to start the year!



Our Titans Football team opened the 2025 season against Roosevelt High School. Final score: 20–12. We may not have come out on top, but our athletes showed heart, grit, and a ton of Titan pride. It's sure to be an exciting season!

Grand Center Arts Academy



GCAA began the new school year with its annual Back-to-School BBQ. It was a perfect afternoon of food, fun, and community!



An exciting new addition at GCAA! Inspired by artist Kelsey Montague's famous wings murals, Mrs. Baker's art students created their own Phoenix wings design. Their message, "*When life gives you fire, be a Phoenix,*" now brightens the halls and celebrates the spirit of GCAA.

Old North Academy





It was wonderful to welcome hundreds of students and families to Old North Academy for Meet the Teacher Night and the HOME WORKS! dinner. The evening was filled with opportunities to learn more about the school, reconnect with staff and families, share a meal together, and meet with our partners, including The Village, Little Bit Foundation, TRIO, and HOME WORKS!



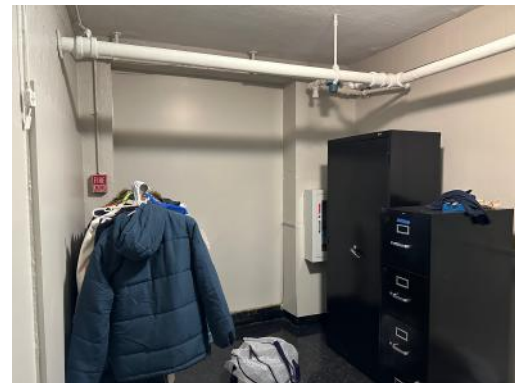
whose employees came together to support Old North Academy in a big way! They filled the classroom wish lists of first-year teachers, Ms. Fox and Ms. Ellis, and went above and beyond by collecting backpacks and additional supplies for other classrooms, plus providing Amazon gift cards.

It means the world to know our teachers and staff are supported by community members who are now forever part of the Old North Family!



The good wishes continued at Old North thanks to the amazing volunteers from Church on the Rock, who teamed up with Old North staff for Community Beautification Day! Together, they gave the front entrance and garden areas a beautiful refresh, creating a brighter, more welcoming space for students, staff, and families. We are truly grateful for their generosity and hard work!

South City Academy



The incredible volunteers from Church on the Rock also gave their time and talents at South City Academy for Community Beautification Day. South City's "Little Bit Room"



3rd–5th grade students are invited to join in volleyball fun every Friday from 4:00–5:15 p.m. at South City Academy! Matches start today, September 5, and run through November 21. See the flyers for additional details. Space is limited and spots fill up quickly.



South City Academy is excited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month September 15–October 15! Our students and staff look forward to honoring the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of our Hispanic community.

School Nutrition Advisory Board

Join us for our School Nutrition Advisory Board meetings during the 2025–2026 school year! See the flyer for dates and details. Contact Rene Hughes at rhughes@confluenceacademies.org with any questions.

Confluence's Cafeteria Club

School Nutrition Advisory Board

Attention Students, Staff & Parents...

Are you interested in learning more about our nutrition program?

Would you like to help plan our menus and promotions?

If so, please join our cafeteria club!

Zoom meetings for the 2025-2026 school year are listed below.

October 14, 2025, 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Meeting ID: 858 5619 1864 Zoom Passcode: 127788	April 14, 2026, 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Meeting ID: 821 7200 5797 Zoom Passcode: 335877
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