

September 8, 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. I hope you all had a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. For our new families, my name is Sheriese Moore and I am the Student Services Coordinator at Brooklyn Ascend Middle School. My primary role is to ensure students identified as requiring special education services receive adequate and appropriate supports as outlined on their Individualized Education Program (IEP). We have all had to adjust to the changes imposed by COVID-19, but despite all this I want to assure you that my commitment to being a fierce advocate for your child's academic, social and emotional needs remains unwavering. We are in this together!

Last school year, we were able to successfully overcome challenges presented by remote learning. For this school year the leaders at Ascend Charter Schools have worked tirelessly to determine how we can best utilize online platforms to provide the stellar academic experiences your child deserves. I am excited to begin our virtual classes **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. I am especially excited to inform you that all classes will be live taught; giving your child the opportunity to interface with their teachers and peers on a daily basis. This change in structure provides consistency and guarantees your child will not be left to navigate learning on their own.

I am in constant communication with the Department of Education to ensure that your child receives the services outlined on their IEPs. Currently, we are able to offer Integrated Co-teaching classes where there are 2 teachers in the room, Special Education Teacher Support Services (SETSS), where teachers meet with small groups of students to work on specific academic goals and Related Services in Counseling, Speech, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. Below I have included information about each of our Related Service providers. Please be on the lookout for their correspondence as they will be reaching out to you in the coming days for consent to begin these sessions online or via telephone.

In addition to the supports outlined, teachers will conduct regular one-on-one calls to update you on your child's progress or to simply check-in. Also, all IEP meetings are scheduled to take place over the phone.

I want to extend a thank you in advance for partnering with us to ensure your child can continue to receive all the supports and services needed to provide them with a quality education. Upon reading this, please confirm receipt of this letter by responding to my email. Also, feel free to include any specific phone numbers or mode of correspondence that you prefer I use for future communication purposes.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Sheriese Moore

Student Services Coordinator

Brooklyn Ascend Middle School

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RELATED SERVICES PROVIDERS

Clinicians

Mr. Krumholz



I have been a School Counselor in the Ascend Network for 5 years, and this will be my second year at BAMS. As the School Counselor for 5th and 6th grade, I work with students to help them discover their strengths and come up with strategies to navigate the academic, social and emotional challenges of the early middle school years. I love collaborating with families and look forward to working with you this year. Please feel free to contact me at:

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Ms. Samuel



Hi families! My name is Ms. Samuel. I am one of the counselors at BAMS working primarily with 7th and 8th grade students. This is my 8th year at Ascend and my 13th year in education. I have my Bachelor's in Psychology and a Master's in School Counseling. I am dedicated to opening doors for my students. I believe exposure and experience is the best way for children to learn, so I will always try my best to give my students the opportunities they deserve. You can contact me at:

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Physical Therapist

Ms. Beavers



Hello!

My name is Christine Beavers and I will be providing Physical Therapy services to your child as recommended on their Individualized Education Program (IEP). I am excited to work with you and your child's teachers to support their development and education.

This will be my third year working as a school PT in NYC. I am originally from Oklahoma, so I love all things OU football and Thunder basketball. I am patiently awaiting the day I can see Kevin Durant play again – in Brooklyn!

I look forward to partnering with you and supporting your child throughout this school year!

Sincerely,

Christine Beavers, PT, DPT

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Speech and Language Pathologists

Ms. Daddi (Ms. D)



My name is Jennifer Daddi and I am a recent graduate of St John's University's Speech Language Pathology program. I was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. I have experience in working with children and adults with a variety of speech, language, and feeding disorders, most recently working with middle school students.

I am an artist in my free time, and enjoy incorporating art and creativity into my therapy sessions. I am always open to suggestions and I look forward to working with the students of Brooklyn Ascend Middle School this year.

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Ms. Rosenblum (Ms. R)



My name is Jaclyn Rosenblum and I am a Speech Language Pathologist at Brooklyn Ascend Middle School since September 2019. I received a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Disorders at Queens College and a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology from Touro College. Additionally, I am TSSLD (Teaching Students with Speech Language Disorders) certified.

In 2015, I traveled to South Africa for three months to volunteer in an Orphanage. My experience there shed light on my passion for wanting to help children of all ages from various backgrounds.

When I'm not working I enjoy going to the beach, fishing, and reading books. I look forward to seeing my returning and new incoming students.

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions:
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