

## Welcome Letter from The Director.....

Dear Parent(s) and Student(s):

Congratulations! Your child has been accepted to EBLA Academy for the 2019-2020 school term. The registration information is listed below this letter. The 2019-2020 Parent/Student Handbook will be sent in an email and is designed to guide you and your child through this exciting time. We encourage you to read all sections of this booklet thoroughly and discuss them with your child. The highlights of this handbook as it pertains to each student will be discussed the first day of class (August 2019). The Parent/Student Handbook includes general information about our proven curriculum and instructional design, and specific school policies and procedures which, if followed consistently, will contribute to the development of our school community and the success of EBLA Academy. Last year's graduating class (Class of 2018) at EBLA Academy boasted our youngest graduates to date. Our youngest was 14 years old, who is currently a premed major at Augusta State College. We want our students to be able to compete globally and we know that technology is the key. We currently have graduates of the Academy that are now conducting STEM cell and biomedical research at universities such as John Hopkins and Iowa State. We are very proud of EBLA graduates and the impact that they have had in the fields of health, education, and science.

This year, EBLA Academy will celebrate 20 years of academic success. I want to take this time to say thank you to all of the parents, students, and staff that have continuously supported our vision during this time. We want to continue to strive for excellence and offering services that will benefit this community. That is why we are bringing back some exciting new programs. We will have a spelling bee for the students for grades 1-8 in the fall, and bring back the student of the month program. We will also publish the 2019 Phoenix Scrivener (our literary magazine) this year. This will allow all of our students to submit their artwork, short stories, poems, and other literary and/or artistic work. Our first field trip is scheduled for October 2019 to the Coca-Cola Factory in Atlanta. We are continuing the Music Club and are bringing back the Science Club this year. As always, we have a fresh new set of students that will be sent invitations into the Royal Executive Order Honor Society (for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) and the National Honor Society (for grades 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) this summer. Our

honor societies represent the students that excel above and beyond their call of duty in everything that they do. We are also bringing back the sports program this year. Last year, our students were able to participate in an independent basketball program. This year, we have been invited to participate in the Milledgeville Prep Sports program. This will allow both our young ladies and gentlemen to participate. Mr. Cobb, our physical education specialist, will be monitoring the EBLA Academy students that choose to participate in the sports program this year. We are also continuing our successful dual enrollment program. Dual enrollment is a wonderful program for students that wish to take college courses while in high school (please refer to the handbook for dual enrollment requirements).

As we prepare to embrace another new school term, I always think of a theme that is representative of the academic year. This year's theme is "Clarity through Change". For our students, this represents the shift from elementary to middle school, middle school to high school, and from high school to graduation. For our parents, it represents how fast your children grow up and how you hope that as they shift from one stage of growth to the next, that they do not forget the values upon which they were raised. Only through change, which sometimes brings about fear and anxiety, can we truly find clarity. We find out just how strong we truly are and far we have come. We realize that life is so much bigger than the day to day, but life is about being grateful for every experience we have had and will continue to have. So, here's to an a beautiful new school term together!!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. Janée M. Moss, Director/Founder

"Life will only change when you become more committed to your dreams than you are to your comfort zone."

~ Billy Cox

## *EBLA HS Academy Registration 2019-2020*

- (1) The registration information that you will RETURN: (a) the 2019-2020 contract (for returning parents, they will only have to do an update form), (b) the Emergency-Medical Form, (c) the honor code/motto (to be signed by student), (d) the driver's liability form, (e) the physical activity form, and (f) the auto-draft payment form. All NEW students must submit a copy of their immunizations, hearing, etc. as part of the state of GA requirements. This should be turned in with your paperwork. The 2019-2020 EBLA Academy Handbook can be accessed directly from our website at [eblaacademy.org](http://eblaacademy.org). We will no longer hand out hard copies of the handbook. This will enable us to reduce our carbon footprint. All registration information, along with the \$100 registration fee are due back by May 21, 2019.
- (2) The registration information that you will KEEP: (a) the school calendar, (b) the academic events calendar, (c) the summer reading list requirements for all students, (d) the EBLA reading list, (e) updated school uniform information, (f) the school supply list, and (g) the book list. Parents of seniors (Class of 2020) will be given a separate Senior packet in August 2019.
- (3) For those that do not pay in full by May 21<sup>st</sup>, your first payment is due on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> (for new students). Our returning students will continue to stay on their contracted fee schedule. There is a \$50 late fee for any payment made after the due date.
- (4) We will have **open house on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm-3pm**. This will give parents an opportunity to meet the teachers, pick up your child's books (for those that order through EBLA), and for the parents to be given schedules for the school year.
- (5) All students will be required to read at least one additional book each nine week period. This does not include the books that the students are required to read in their English class.
- (6) We look forward to seeing you in August. Have a beautiful summer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **NEW EBLA ACADEMY UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

The new uniform guidelines are covered in your handbook, but to save time, we will provide the highlights:

- (1) ALL students will be required to wear the new uniform beginning the first day of school, August 5, 2019. Beginning in the year 2020-2021 school term, EBLA students will be required to wear the dressier EBLA attire (the blazer/cardigan, skirt, tie, etc). For now(2019-2020), students will continue to follow the dress code as stated in the handbook.
- (2) The dress code for the boys/gentlemen is as follows: (a) the sweater vest or cardigan ordered through frenchtoast.com, (b) the polo shirt from Sew K, (c) khaki pants or walking shorts (you can purchase them yourself or order through frenchtoast.com).
- (3) The dress code for the girls/ladies is as follows: (a) the sweater vest or cardigan ordered through frenchtoast.com, (b) the polo shirt from Sew K, (c) khaki or black pants, walking shorts, or skirt (you can purchase these through frenchtoast.com). Girls CANNOT WEAR leggings, jeggings, shorts that do not come to your knee, skirts that are inappropriate, or flip flops with their uniform. The only time you can wear leggings is if you are wearing them under your skirt.
- (4) Parents will still be able to purchase their polo shirts through Sew K Designs. The cardigan and sweater vest must be purchased frenchtoast.com because they have our logo that will be embroidered on the sweater vest and cardigan.
- (5) Students that fail to wear their uniform will be issued the following: (1) 1<sup>st</sup> time offense is a verbal warning, (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> time offense is a notice sent home to the parent, and (3) the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense is a documented notice placed in their permanent academic file for failure to follow school guidelines. This will also affect the students' overall character education grade.
- (6) Frenchtoast.com has us listed as EBLA HS Academy. You must use our school source code when ordering which is: QS5SJMV.
- (7) The only items that are MANDATORY to be ordered from frenchtoast.com are the sweater vest and/or cardigan (students can choose both or one). We have other items listed on our school tab on their website just to give you more options to choose from.
- (8) If you have any questions about sizing information, feel free to contact frenchtoast.com at 1-800-373-6248.

(9) Boys and girls that plan on participating in exploratory or PE need to bring a plain white t-shirt and pants to work out in. Failure to comply with the dress code more than twice will lead to suspension. Remember, we must dress for success!!!