



## Welcome MARAUDER Class of 2024!

It's my privilege to serve the M9 community of students, parents and staff! Freshman year is the start of new challenges and opportunities. The 9th grade campus serves students in a smaller learning environment with supportive teachers and staff. Every student is encouraged to get involved at school and stay connected, through extra and co-curricular organizations. In this unprecedented time of remote and virtual learning, **WE ARE MARCUS, WE ARE ONE**, truly speaks to our strength through communication, support and teamwork. Together WE CAN and WE WILL!

M9 faculty and staff understand the importance this transition year and are trained to meet the unique needs of ninth graders. Our goal is for students to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally, with communication and self-advocacy skills. Teachers utilize the best virtual and digital tools for remote and virtual learning and to scaffold instruction to help make learning accessible to all students. We share our school district's mission to help students thrive in today and in the future. We welcome all students and recognize diversity as a strength of our school community.

**Parents** are an important part of student success at school. I encourage parent participation and feedback. Please plan to partner with us this year, in the following:

- **PTSA membership**, general meetings, and committee work (marcusptsa.org)
- **Parent Education Programs\***
- **Open House and Coffee Talks\***
- **Marauder Mom and Dads\***
- **Volunteers\***

\* Information and sign-ups TBA.

Together we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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**GO MARAUDERS!**