Greetings, Class of 2021 -

It's an honor to welcome our newest Marauders to Marcus HS 9th Grade Campus! Marcus HS has a rich tradition of **PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE**, which includes academic, athletic, extracurricular and fine arts success. Every student is encouraged to get involved at school to develop new friendships, enjoy real-world experiences, and stay connected to school! *Marauder Camp* will be your first opportunity to do just that.

The MHS9 faculty and staff are trained to meet the unique needs of ninth graders and know the importance of a great transition. We want you to succeed academically, socially and emotionally, and by helping you develop excellent study habits, healthy relationships, resilience, and self-advocacy skills. We welcome all students and recognize our diversity as a strength of our entire school community.

Our campus is designed to provide <u>21st century learning experiences</u> in all content areas. We encourage creativity, collaboration and innovation, while maintaining academic rigor and high expectations for all. In addition, we value excellent Digital Citizenship and want to help students create a positive digital footprint, that they will be proud of in years to come, by developing safe and responsible social media habits.

Parents are an important part of student success at school. I encourage your participation and feedback. Please plan to partner with us this year, in the the following: PTSA membership - marcusptsa.org

Parent Education Programs - first Wednesday of every month

Open House - September and February

Field Trip Chaperones

Volunteer career/expert speakers

Campus volunteers - contact <u>dinkmeyere@lisd.net</u>

Connect with us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** @mhs9th, to receive up-to-date information on school activities. We will share student and campus life photos throughout the school year. If you see something awesome, please share with me as well!

Serving your families with PRIDE,

Chantell Upshaw

Principal

MHS9: Excellence Starts Here!