



**,THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
GIRARD ACADEMIC MUSIC PROGRAM**

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Greetings!

It is with joy and pride that I welcome you to a new school year! Whether you are returning to GAMP or will be entering for your first year, we are excited that you are a member of the GAMP family. We hope that you have had a safe and restful summer and are ready to start a new school year on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Last school year was filled with a wealth of memorable experiences. With the support of our school's Home and School Association and School Advisory Council, we were able to hold our annual musical *Chicago* and we held several parent meetings where your feedback helped shape the coming year. We are proud to say that through the hard work of our teachers and students, our school was able to increase in our PSSA Science and Biology Keystone scores. We are looking forward to continuing another year of success!

We are already making plans for another exciting school year. Our teachers have attended professional development sessions to inform and enhance our practices to challenge your students and help them learn and grow and exceed their potential. Our wonderful secretary Ms. Cella is updating student records and our hard-working facilities team is making sure our building exemplifies the pride we have in our school.

This year we are excited to welcome Dr. Martin Woodside, as our new Assistant Principal! He comes with a wealth of knowledge, a can-do attitude, and is ready to serve the GAMP community. We also have Mr. Flynn Skidmore, our new school counselor as well as Mr. Maroulis, our new Physics teacher. All are great additions to our GAMP family and we can't wait to see how they add to our school community.

Having completed my first year at GAMP last year, I still believe that excellence is neither an experience nor a destination, but a journey. As I look forward to the coming year, I anticipate the memories that we will make together, the learning experiences we will have, and the growth we will experience. Please be sure to visit the school district's website for important back-to-school information such as how to get a Philadelphia School TransPass and a list of vaccines your child will need to attend school. Also, please visit our school's website for pertinent information for classes and school information. I also would like to invite you to attend our *Back to School Night* on *September 12<sup>th</sup>* from *6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Again, we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at [jmoore2@philasd.org](mailto:jmoore2@philasd.org).

With gratitude,

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