



A Note from the Counseling Center

Barbara Ingram School for the Arts

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New Student Orientation

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Student(s):

As counselor for the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, I would like to extend a warm welcome to incoming freshman students, parents, and families joining us for the 2020-2021 school year. Special congratulations to the students for demonstrated artistic and academic achievements, and to parents and families that provide support, guidance and encouragement as goals and dreams are pursued. The decision to choose a path of rigorous academics and an arts curriculum during the formative years of high school will provide endless rewards and opportunities beyond graduation. The entire staff and administration of the Barbara Ingram School is dedicated to ensuring that students are equipped and prepared to achieve infinite success.

As your school counselor, I am available to support you and answer any questions you may have. As students continue on the journey to become gifted artists and successful adults, they will be learning to balance the challenging demands of academics, performances, and family obligations. While exhilarating, this may become difficult at times. My role as counselor is to assist students as they plan for the future and navigate through situations they encounter along the way.

In order to support student academics, it is necessary to create the 2020-2021 Master Schedule. To review, all freshmen students will be enrolled in Honors English 9, Honors US Studies II, Physical Education I, Foundations of Technology, and Health/Life Skills. Math and Foreign Language placement will depend on high school credits earned during middle school years. In this presentation, you will find more information regarding scheduling and the enrollment process.

LINK CREW IS COMING TO BARBARA INGRAM on Wednesday, August 19th! Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and new students and provides guidance and support from junior and senior leaders who have been through the challenges that high school poses. Numerous studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in high school, their chance for success increases dramatically. Clear your schedules, you won't want to miss this! *More details to follow!*

If you have any questions about the scheduling process, or anything else regarding the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts please feel free to email GastlSam@wcps.k12.md.us. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

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Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, School Counselor

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