Western School of Technology and Environmental Science

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In support of our students' successful transition to Grade 9, we invite students to participate in an Early Entry Day program. Baltimore County Public Schools is excited to announce that it will again host a half-day "Orientation Day" on **Thursday, August 25, 2022,** for students entering Grade 9 for the 2022-2023 school year. Students will participate in a wide variety of activities – designed based on student feedback – to become more familiar with their new school setting prior to the start of school. Students will review their class schedules, visit their lockers, take school tours, and meet all their teachers and the school counselors.

Transportation will be provided for those students who are scheduled to take a bus to school. Please check the Western Tech Website for updated bus information. Those students will be picked up at their assigned bus stops at their regularly scheduled times and will be transported back at the end of the half-day schedule. A complimentary lunch will be served to all participating students, and students will be able to add funds to their cafeteria accounts in preparation for the first day of school.

The **Orientation Day** is for students only.

Helpful videos have been prepared for viewing by students and families at home. These videos share experiences and helpful information about transition to middle and high school. The videos are available via Vimeo from the main BCPS website as follows:

Making the Transition to High School

The following link offers valuable information for parents regarding access to Focus and Schoology:

Parent Access to Focus and Schoology

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Grade 9 students on **Thursday, August 25, 2022,** and while not required, we hope your child will take advantage of this opportunity. Should you have any questions regarding **Orientation Day**, please contact us at your earliest convenience. The first regular day of school for all students is Monday, August 29, 2022.

Sincerely,

Jewell M. Ralph

Jewell M. Ralph, Principal
Western Tech

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