



A 6-12 Academy Of Excellence

Dear ALCS Students and Families,

Welcome back to school! We are excited to welcome our second sixth grade class and our first seventh and eighth grade classes on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. You and your daughter are on an exciting academic journey, and we are thrilled to be with you. During the 2022-2023 school year, your daughter will begin to grow in her sense of independence and responsibility. Our ALCS family is excited to have you and your daughter joining our community and are looking forward to all the milestones we will celebrate with you along the way.

Our ALCS team is made up of people who are deeply invested in every student in our care. We want exactly what you want--namely, the best learning and growing environment for your daughter. You can expect her teachers to come to know her well on an academic and a personal level. You can expect us to make decisions based upon her best interest. You can expect us to help guide, encourage, model, communicate, and push her to do more than she ever thought she could. And, most of all, you can expect us to love her.

Her program of studies will include four core classes (Math, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies) as well as the opportunity to participate in electives throughout the school year (Technology, Music, Art, Health, and Spanish). All students will also participate in Physical Education Class every other day. In addition, students will participate each morning in Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID®). AVID® is a nonprofit that changes lives by helping schools shift to a more equitable, student-centered approach.

Your daughter will also have the opportunity to use technology throughout the school day. At ALCS we are fortunate to have a plethora of technology which allows us to address the educational needs of our students. This includes the use of her own Chromebook through our one-to one technology program. While we recognize that cell phones are a technological part of our everyday lives, they are not a necessary requirement to meet curricular outcomes. In fact, cell phones are often a distraction to our students' ability to engage in their learning. In order to support student learning, all cell phones will be collected in the morning, stored in a secure location throughout the day, and returned to students prior to dismissal. If parents need to reach their child due to an emergency please call the office at (518) 694-5300 ext. 400.

You will undoubtedly find the next year filled with a variety of experiences and emotions, all of which will help shape the wonderful character of our daughters. Thank you for choosing to entrust our team with her education.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Jennie C. Evans*

Dr. Jennie Evans, Middle School Principal