



Dear Fairfax Academy Students and Parents,

Welcome to Fairfax Academy for Communication and the Arts! We are excited to reconnect with our returning students and welcome our new students to our community! Our mission is to inspire and empower a diverse body of learners to explore career pathways employing current industry trends led by our dedicated professionals. We develop creative and soft skills needed for post-secondary success, regardless of your chosen path. Our classes represent the performing and practical arts, world languages, and communications. We provide all our students the opportunity to build a résumé through hands-on experiences, in and outside of the classroom, and career connections with current industry professionals and businesses (including many of our alum).

Fairfax Academy is especially proud of its faculty and staff - please check out the Stars of the Academy page later in the packet. We are fortunate that the Academy functions as “a school within a school”. In addition to our classroom educators, the Academy includes an Administrator, a Career Experience Specialist, a Professional School Counselor, and an Administrative Assistant. The Academy also offers support through three resource teachers specializing in SPED and ESOL. Our support team members will be reaching out to specific students during the first weeks of school to introduce themselves.

The Academy team brings a wealth of experience from both the classroom and the professional world. Our Academy cultivates relationships with colleges and universities that have strong programs in the arts, languages, and communication. Through various partnerships with businesses and arts organizations in our region, your classroom experience is enhanced and supplemented with field trips, guest speakers, workshops, and opportunities for job shadowing and internships. In addition, you can follow us on Instagram and Twitter for updates, reminders, pictures, event info, and special student opportunities. Please consider signing up for News You Choose (info on the back of this letter). Once you do, be on the lookout for our bi-weekly newsletter!

To get started, please read the ‘Tips for Success’ on the back of this letter. It includes information about our Academy Student Orientation on Thursday, August 18th, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., as well as other guidelines to help make your year at Fairfax Academy the best it can be.

Being part of the Academy is a big choice. We are here to support your transition as you join us and want to make sure that every moment you spend with us is filled with valuable experiences for your future. We look forward to dreaming with you as part of our community as you explore your passion alongside our faculty and your peers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Academy office at (703) 219-2226. We look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Andrea Cook, Academy Administrator