



October 24, 2022

Dear Shiloh Middle School Families and Community Members,

I am humbled and honored to introduce myself as the new principal of Shiloh Middle School and join this excellent school community starting on Monday, October 24, 2022. I can assure you that I share in this community's dedication to caring for each and every student while providing them with a meaningful learning environment.

In addition to being an educator, I am also a lifelong learner, coach, volunteer, and mentor. I am a devoted husband to my loving wife, Jamarla Bess, who is also an educator in GCPS, and a father to two incredible daughters, Jamira (19) and Carissa Joy (4). As a parent, I have always wanted what is best for my children, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that your children have the best possible educational experience at Shiloh Middle School.



My background is rooted in education, leadership, and coaching. During my tenure at Norcross High School for 13 years, I taught English language arts, coached boys' varsity soccer, and served as the student advisement coordinator, 11 LA Course Team lead, and GCPS Summer School Language Arts Coordinator. As Assistant Principal at Duluth High School for six years, I have served as Community School Director, Interim Athletic Director, GCPS Summer School Site Principal and supported our ESOL, Language Arts, Fine Arts, and World Language Departments where my roles included: student discipline, STEAM, literacy, testing coordinator, and new teacher instructional coaching. Working in a high school has enabled me to see the power of collaboration and vertical teaming to support students' goal of graduation into postsecondary education and the workforce.

I firmly believe that each and every child can succeed. I look forward to strengthening the relationships with our wonderful students, families, teachers, community organizations and talented staff. My door is always open, and I sincerely welcome your input and support. As I transition into my principalship, I plan to host opportunities to connect with families and community members. As principal, I will implement proven, research-based instructional strategies to help enable our teachers to teach at their best and students to learn at their utmost. We will continue our commitment to helping each and every student to develop their intellectual capacity, academic knowledge and skills, and social competence so that they will be prepared to effectively negotiate the demands associated with living in an ever-changing 21st century global society.

Your Proud Principal,

Chris Bess

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