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## **A Warm Welcome Back to Our Edward Gideon School Families!**

Dear Gideon Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I hope your children have enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing summer break. The halls of Edward Gideon School have been buzzing with excitement as we prepare to welcome our students back tomorrow, **Monday, August 25th**.

Our team is ready to embark on a new year filled with learning, growth, and discovery. Our school theme for the year is **Today We Learn, Today We Grow: Our Story, Our Legacy**. We believe that every student's story is a vital part of our school's legacy, and we are committed to helping them learn and grow every single day.

We are also thrilled to welcome new and returning teachers to our dedicated staff. I am confident that their energy and passion will be a wonderful addition to our school community:

- **Mrs. Librada Wharton**, Kindergarten
- **Ms. Theresa Harmon**, First Grade
- **Ms. Ciara Broadway**, 5th/6th Grade Math & Science
- **Mr. Michael Lyde**, Health Education & Physical Education (HEPE)
- **Ms. Rachelle Dumornay**, Math School Based Teacher Leader

Ms. Dumornay, in particular, will bring her expertise to support our teachers and strengthen our math program, which is part of our second year in the **Pioneer Network**.

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## **Important Curriculum and School Updates**

This year, our 5th and 6th-grade students will have an exciting new structure. They will be cycling between two teachers for their core subjects. One teacher will focus on ELA and Social Studies, while another will teach Math and Science. This change will allow for a more focused approach to learning and will help our teachers and students build stronger relationships.

We will continue to use the **Imagine Learning** curriculum for Math and ELA, which provides our students with challenging and engaging materials. Additionally, we are excited to introduce the **Amplify Science** curriculum, which will bring science to life in new and hands-on ways. Our teachers will be working together in Professional Learning

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Communities (PLCs) to ensure that we are providing the best possible instruction for your children.

We sincerely apologize that our new school uniform shirts have not arrived yet. We are still accepting orders for them through School Cash Online. In the meantime, students may wear navy blue polo shirts until the new academic logo shirts are delivered. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, please save the date for our **Back to School Night**, which will be **Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn more about the curriculum, and hear about our exciting plans for the year.

We are so excited to partner with you to make this a successful and memorable school year. Please remember that your involvement is key to your child's success. We look forward to seeing our students' smiling faces tomorrow!

Warmly,

**Dr. Shauneille Taylor**

Principal, Edward Gideon School