



MID-YEAR PULSE CHECK - BACK WITH A BANG!

Welcome to the second issue of our Private School Publication; A one-stop shop for information, resources and most importantly highlights from all our amazing ASD private schools. As we approach the middle of the school year (what?!), I hope you are pausing to reflect on how much you have accomplished for your students, your families, your schools and your communities. While the conversation back in August was centered around returning to normalcy and rejoining in-person, December has our schools finding their stride and sinking back into a place of familiarity.

Brinkley Heights Urban Academy's 5 year accreditation review was successful and they are celebrating the fact that they are fully accredited! In addition, they are also working on Operation Christmas Child Shoebox donations with staff and students. Madison Campus Elementary celebrated the recent success of their Fall Field Day and is now switching gears to focus on their Christmas Concert on December 4th that will sure to be a fun and festive event!

Good Pasture Christian School has its annual food drive beginning November 29th through December 10th. Their school goal is to raise more than \$200,000 worth of food to stock over 40 nonprofit food pantries. In addition, they have adopted seven families who were affected by the Waverly flood; they are planning to provide Christmas for them this year. Lastly, their 1st-3rd graders are performing their annual Christmas play on December 6th with more than 1,200 guests that will be in attendance. All of our ASD Private Schools are preparing for fun and festive events with the holidays approaching. May you all continue to enjoy the happiness and joy this time of year brings!

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Help Wanted

METRO NASHVILLE AREA

MADISON CAMPUS ELEMENTARY
- VOLUNTEER POSITION

SHEBLY COUNTY AREA

BINGHAMPTON CHRISTIAN
UNIVERSITY
- 5TH GRADE TEACHER
- SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS

BRINKLEY HEIGHTS
URBAN ACADEMY
- MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE, SEND AN EMAIL
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UPCOMING DATES

- December 15th:** Intent to Participate Form Due
- December 13-14th:** December Monthly Virtual Meetings
- December 17th:** Quarterly Feedback Survey Goes Out
- January 24-25th:** January Monthly Virtual Meetings
- January 27th:** January Webinar - Internal Controls for Student Data Confidentiality from 1:00-2:00PM
- February 22-23rd:** February Monthly Virtual Meetings

In-person meetings will be contingent on local health guidelines. Attendance for every school will be mandatory for the January webinar, please plan on at least one person from your administration being in attendance.

TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Dr. Christopher Emdin is an Associate Professor at Columbia University and Associate Director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education. He is the creator of the #HipHopEd social media movement, and a much sought-after public speaker on several topics that include hip-hop education, STEM education, politics, race, class, diversity, and youth empowerment. He is also an advisor to numerous international organizations, school districts, and schools. As a tool for success this quarter I have included a link to his Ted Talk entitled "[Teach Teachers How to Create Magic.](#)" As we reflect on the first half of the school year and find ourselves amidst the fresh start of a new year Dr. Emdin reminds us just how powerful magic in education can be. "If we could transform teacher education to focus on teaching teachers how to create that magic then poof! We could make dead classes come alive, we could reignite imaginations, and we can change education."