Greetings Brighten Academy Families,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year. We are excited to begin a year of learning, growth, and opportunity at Brighten Academy. Whether you are returning to our school community or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of the Brighten family.

As we open our doors to a new academic year, we do so with renewed purpose and a shared commitment to providing every student with an exceptional educational experience. At Brighten Academy, we believe that academic excellence, character development, and meaningful relationships create the foundation for lifelong success.

Our theme for this school year is "*Nurturing Roots, Empowering Growth*". Through this theme, we will nurture our students' roots and empower their growth by strengthening teaching and learning through rigorous instruction, engaging classroom experiences, and a focus on ensuring every student reaches their highest potential. We are also committed to fostering a safe and supportive learning environment where students are encouraged to think critically, lead confidently, and grow both academically and personally.

As we begin this exciting journey, we invite you to stay engaged by attending school events, maintaining open communication with teachers and administrators, and supporting your child's educational goals. Together, we will continue to build a school culture where every student feels valued, challenged, and empowered to succeed. Together, we will celebrate achievements, embrace new opportunities, and create memorable experiences that inspire our students to become confident learners, compassionate citizens, and lifelong learners.

Thank you for entrusting Brighten Academy with your child's education. It is our privilege to serve your family, and we look forward to an outstanding year filled with learning, growth, and success. We look forward to partnering with our families.

Welcome back to an exceptional school year!

With excitement and appreciation,

Toni Washington-Knight
Executive Director

Shanika Wells
Director of Academics & School Operations

Upcoming School Events

You are cordially invited to the following upcoming school events to kick off the 2026-2027 school year:

- Open House-Monday, August 3, 2026 (Greeters will be located at building 1 and building 2 with logistics and information.) • Scholars with names ending A-L (4:00 PM-5:30 pm) • Scholars with names ending M-Z (5:30 pm-7:00 pm) • Principal Davis will be in the atrium (open area outside of the gym) to meet and greet families.

- First Day of School-Wednesday, August 5th (Early release day) 7:10 am-11:45 am • Kindergarten dismissal time: 11:30 am • Grades 1-8 dismissal time: 11:45 am • **School uniform day** (dress code information can be found on the school's website)

- Join us at the Douglas County School System Back to School Kick-off • Saturday, July 25th 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM • Legacy Arena 9030 Hwy 5, Douglasville, GA

- Stay connected • To learn more about Brighten Academy and to stay current on school events and activities, please follow us on Facebook @www.facebook.com/BrightenAcademyCharterSchool/ • Brighten Academy website @www.brightenacademy.com