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***Interview of Mr. Johnathan Chandler
Principal of
C.E. Murray Elementary/Middle School***



Q: What should parents expect when their children attend your school this year?

A: Parents should expect their children to be engaged in rigorous instruction every day in a well-managed, family-oriented environment that promotes lifelong learning.

Q: What's one thing that you want parents to know about you as the Principal?

A: I want parents to know that I am committed to ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education every day in a safe learning environment. I am dedicated to collaborating with parents to meet the needs of ALL students. I want them to know that I am willing to go above and beyond to make sure students are successful....academically, behaviorally, socially, and emotionally.

Q: How has the nationwide teacher shortage impacted your school, do you have a fully staffed school?

A: The nationwide teacher shortage has impacted my school. It has been a struggle to find teachers to fill the many vacancies at the school. However, through collaboration with district staff, we were able to fill those positions through programs such as Elevate K12 and Virtual SC.

Q: How would you describe your relationship with your students?

A: My relationship with my students is one of mutual respect. They understand that I care about their education and their overall well-being. However, they also understand that I will hold them accountable for their actions, whether good or bad.

Q: If random students were interviewed from your school what do you think they will say about you as their principal?

A: Any random student would say that I am firm but fair, and truly care about the overall academic success of every student.

Q: As an administrator what are your strengths? What are your weaknesses?

A: My strengths as an administrator include my ability to work well with teachers, parents, students, and community members, communicate effectively and transparently, making the best decisions in the best interest of the students. My weakness would be my sometimes easygoing personality which may appear to others as being a "pushover."

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Q: What's new at your school for this upcoming school year?

A: There are several new things this year starting with the school transitioning from a Middle/High to an Elementary/Middle. Our school will be filled with new faces of students and teachers from GES, and we are happy to welcome them to the C. E. Murray Family. Also, our building has undergone a “facelift”, thanks to all the beautiful murals that have been painted throughout the school. Additionally, we will be implementing our house system to help with student behavior, increase morale, and promote positive school culture. Lastly, we plan to re-establish the arts as an important part of school culture by exposing students to the arts through chorus, band, art, and performances from local artists in the community and surrounding areas.

Q: What does a typical school day look like for you as a principal?

A: As principal, staff, and students will notice that I am visible in the hallways, in classrooms, and in the cafeteria during lunch break. I am always interacting positively with staff members to ensure they have the proper support and resources to effectively manage and teach our students. Additionally, I make sure to interact with students to build those trusting relationships that are important to their success in the classroom.

