

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Shady Side Academy MS parents and guardians,

On behalf of the Shady Side Academy Parents Association, and as returning chair of the Middle School PA, I would like to welcome all our new and returning students and their families. What interesting and unprecedented times we are living in. I hope that under the current circumstances you were all still able to enjoy your summer as much as you could. I am looking forward to connecting with and getting to know all of you as best we can this year.

For those that do not know me, I am mum to Shane (8th grade/form II), Nylah (11th grade/form V) and Max (12th grade/form VI). This is my second year as chair of the Middle School Parents Association and I am truly honored to fill this role again. Being active at Shady Side has allowed me to experience first-hand the warmth, creativity, and commitment that our school and our community provides to all our children.

This year as we all learn to manage and navigate our new normal we will have fewer opportunities to come together in person, but I am committed to finding new and creative ways to kindle the energy of our community. We will continue to show our support and immense gratitude to our faculty and staff, and we will come up with new ways to aid in fostering a vibrant and nurturing environment for our children. Things will not look the same as they have in past years, but we will charge forward, and we will continue to work hard at cultivating and maintaining a strong sense of community.

For now, we will meet through zoom for our PA meetings, book club and parent coffees with more details to follow, as we get closer to those dates. In the meantime please feel free to contact me with any input, ideas, or contributions that you feel might be beneficial to the PA, or just to reach out and say hello. I wish everyone a safe, healthy and productive year!

Sincerely,

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