

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members:

As one who has been an educator for 15 years, I am honored to serve as the principal of Calumet Junior High School. Over the last 9 years I have been a suburban elementary and intermediate assistant principal, a Chicago Public Schools high school assistant principal, a founding high school principal in Cincinnati Public Schools and a founding high school principal in Chicago Public Schools. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Calumet Park and lead the district's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade academy.

Calumet Junior High School is a comprehensive academic center. Our students receive quality instruction in core academic subjects, which are the foundation to high school and college success. Students immerse themselves in Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science, along with an integrated health/ physical education program, computer technology, fine arts, and music. Classes are multi faceted and differentiated, specifically taught to reach students at every level and provide a challenging, meaningful learning experience.

We provide specialized programs that meet the needs of diverse learners. Calumet Junior High School offers bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. For students requiring specialized services, we have a broad based special education program. Additionally, Calumet offers enrichment and advanced placement classes for selected students.

After school academics continue to propel intellectual development. Our students have the opportunity to attend the 21st Century program for reading, writing, and math activities, along with WARR -Writing and Reading Readiness Program. The STAR Academy offered on Saturdays provides reading, writing, and math enrichment and tutorials, along with sports, sewing, and learning games. To gain skills tutoring for the Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT), Calumet students attend the Super Saturdays Program.

Calumet teachers are dedicated professionals who work diligently to identify the unique academic needs of our students in order to give them the instruction that develops their intellect and builds character. Collectively, our staff and faculty focus on sustaining an environment where every child feels successful and valued. We welcome our parents and community to our partnership and encourage each and everyone who cares about the success of our students to work collaboratively with us to keep propelling our school to an even greater level of success.

We are proud to be a positive educational institution preparing this generation of students to be purposeful, peaceful, and productive citizens in our changing world.

In Partnership,

Carole R. Collins Ayanlaja, Principal