



ORCHARD STREET ACADEMY/ SOAR Assessment Center

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School Year 2018-2019

Dear Parent/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to Orchard Street Academy. As Principal of Orchard Street Academy, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for a great year. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling the building with energy and enthusiasm for learning.

It is the mission of Orchard Street Academy (OSA) to provide an engaging academic program that is appropriately challenging to each student, that meets the rigorous requirements of state and district standards, and that meets the needs of students who require a therapeutic educational setting to access their education. Additionally, we strive to support each student growth in their academic abilities and to be career/college-ready at the end of their high school career. At Orchard Street Academy, we have skilled teachers and clinicians who implement research-based best practices and analyze academic and behavior data to determine current skill levels and set goals for growth and improvement.

In that endeavor we truly believe that you are also a necessary part of the team to provide the student with continued support. Therefore please be sure to communicate the needs of your students to us so we can build upon the partnership and provide meaningful opportunities for our students throughout the upcoming school year!

We updated our website, <http://avcollaborative.org/> and we hope you find the information helpful. Enclosed with this letter you will find a SY 18-19 OSA Calendar, updated SY 18-19 Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook and SY 18-19 Student Information forms. Please note that our student reporting times are **Monday - Friday 8:15am -2:10pm. The first Wednesday of every month will be an early release, 8:15am- 12:00pm.**

We want to draw your attention to significant items in our 2018-2019 Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook.

- Grading Rubric Guidelines pg 10
- Attendance Guidelines pg 10
- Dress Code Guidelines pg 21
- OSA Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports pg 22-28
- Cell Phone Guidelines pg 12
- Transportation Guidelines pg 5
- Early Dismissal pg 10 & 21

Please complete the enclosed forms and return to OSA on or before your student's start date. The completed forms may be returned with your student on their first day of school or via U.S. Postal Service to the address listed below:

AVC Orchard Street Academy
Attention of OSA Administration Assistant
57 Orchard St
Marlborough, MA 01752



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Please note that you will receive your student's individual SY 18-19 Schedule in a subsequent mailing. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call OSA at 508-481-3611 option 1. I am looking forward to a productive and successful school year.

Sincerely, Shannon VanderSwaagh, Principal

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