



Dear parents and guardians,

WELCOME to the 2021-2022 McDonough High School academic year! I have been expecting you! I am Ishmael McKinstry, better known as Mr. Ish, the Director of Choral and Theatre Arts. I am excited to meet you and your scholar as we, together, help them to acquire, demonstrate, articulate, and value knowledge and skills that will support them as life-long learners.

I will be intentional in ensuring your scholar's success within Chorus and Theatre Arts through constant communication with you and your child's designated caseworker, if applicable. It is my duty to ensure that all individualized education plans are acknowledged and utilized throughout instruction. Henry County Schools provides mandated resources and guides for our Exceptional Scholars that will be implemented in my class environments. For further information, click the links below to review detailed resources and guides allotted to your scholar:

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

YOUR CHILD WILL NEED a binder/notebook, pencils with erasers, and highlighters for Chorus and Theatre Arts. Digital versions of supplies are accepted, and assignments will be posted accordingly to Google Classroom. Headphones and other amplification devices and technology will be readily accessible to scholars as well. Scholars are invited to bring their own amplification devices as well. Also, please let me know if your scholar desires appropriate verbiage when acknowledged. **EXAMPLE:** I identify as male and use the pronouns he, him, and his, or goes by a different name.

If you have anything you would like to converse directly about, you can contact me at ishmael.mckinstry@henry.k12.ga.us or by using the **REMINd** app @mhstparent (*for theatre*) or @mhscoparen (*for chorus*). The **REMINd** codes are for parents and guardian only.

TOGETHER, we can!

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