

# Message from the Principal

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**School For Advanced Studies**

*Royce L. Turner, Principal*

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Greetings!

During this season of thanks, I am extremely grateful to pen this letter to each of you. We have quickly turned the page of the calendar and November is staring us in the face. Our first quarter report cards have been issued which allows all of us to target our next steps. We completed the administration of the PSAT and await the news of additional scholars for next year. The new OnCourse portal system is up and running. Parents and students now have the capacity to view attendance and grade updates daily. The guidance office continues to distribute parent passwords to those who present the appropriate credentials. Student passwords were distributed with report cards on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We are on pace for another successful year at Paxon.

A continuing concern from both parents and teachers is that many students lack appropriate study skills to progress through high school and into college. Over the next few weeks we will compile a guide for our students which includes a menu of strategies and tips for studying. The goal is for this document to be both student and parent friendly. It is important to state from the beginning that this document will not serve as a "magic pill" for studying. The document will provide options and strong resources. Stay tuned for more information on this endeavor in the near future.

The month of November includes several holidays as well as our school Homecoming. Please review the attached calendar to note important dates. The second quarter is off to a quick start and therefore important that all of our students maintain their academic pace. Additionally, both our SAC and PTSA are doing great things. If you have not had an opportunity to communicate with these organizations please visit the school web site to learn more information.

We are pleased to announce several nominations from our school. Our Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010 is Mr. Osama Zakaria from the Social Studies department. Our Employee of the Year is Mrs. Vensecia Muller in the main office. Our Volunteer of the Year is Mrs. Africia Davis. We are proud of each of these people as they are a huge part of what makes us special here at Paxon.

The Paxon School for Advanced Studies is proud to announce our formal list of business partners for the year; Mi Mi's Café, Ci Ci's Pizza (Roosevelt Blvd.), The Lunch Break and Phil's Shoes. If you or any other business would like to join our list of supporters, please contact Mr. Turner at 693-7583.

As we continue to prepare students for their future and not our past, it is important that we look for new and creative ways to engage our students. Join us as we travel this road to success with our students.

Go Eagles!