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Greetings Students, Parents and Community Members,

The 2010 school year begins **Monday August 3rd** and the administration, faculty and staff of Crittenton Youth Academy are looking forward to making this year the best ever.

I am happy to report the Crittenton Youth Academy continues to be designated as a “performing” school by the Arizona Department of Education. Although we are performing, we believe that our potential is much greater. We have enhanced our curriculum and instituted new best practices that will improve educational outcomes for our students.

Our first goal this year is to ensure that every one of our students meets or exceeds the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) exam by:

- Aligning our curriculum to Department of Education State Standards
- Identifying students who are at risk of not meeting AIMS standards and providing remediation and tutoring
- Providing a safe and secure school environment
- Maintaining a learning community where everyone shares a focus on student learning

To achieve these goals, we have added to our administrative team. We are excited to introduce **Kendra Mitchell**, as the CYA Curriculum and Instruction Coach. Mrs. Mitchell is eager to support faculty and students to ensure that CYA meets our educational goals.

Our second goal is to give students the opportunity to feel empowered, gain a sense of purpose and learn the decision making skills that will prepare them for life beyond the classroom. To meet this goal, CYA Social Worker, **Jennifer Miller**, will be facilitating the curriculum of the Search Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets. The program objectives are to:

- Increase student achievement and graduation
- Increase student satisfaction and connectedness
- Increase student protective factors and assets
- Increase student positive behavior and engagement
- Increase parent/guardian involvement

This year, we will be beginning a **National Junior Honor Society** club and post-secondary transition workshops through the **Educational and Career Action Plan** (ECAP).

I welcome you to visit CYA for a tour and conversation with me regarding your child’s education and our vision of excellence. I look forward to meeting with you.

Respectfully,

William Bressler
Principal
