



SUMMIT ACADEMY

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Dear Summit Academy Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year!

Our team is refreshed and excited to get to work with your children to help them learn new skills and achieve greater independence in the year ahead.

Our leadership team is committed to establishing a consistent and meaningful working relationship between caregivers and educational teams to meet our school's vision of "Making Lives Better." Your child's education and quality of life are our priority, and we are all committed to work with you to achieve the best possible outcomes for your children.

In late August, you should have received a packet with helpful and important information as well as several forms to be completed and/or signed and returned. Please take time to review the materials and return all necessary forms as soon as possible. In addition, please be mindful of allergies: no peanuts, tree nuts, coconut or latex products are allowed in our school buildings. Please note a change to our policy: we will not wash any dishes, cups, utensils, that are sent to school with your child. All used/soiled items, including water bottles, will be sent home daily for you to wash and return the next day.

Please mark your calendar for our Open House on Wednesday, September 27 at both our 150 Stahl Road and 165 Creekside locations. Our classroom teams and leadership staff hope you will join us for this important and informative event. *There will be no school on this day.*

Throughout the year, I will continue to communicate with you through letters like these and on Class Dojo. In addition, please know that I am available, along with our Unit Directors, to answer your questions, discuss concerns and ideas, and share celebrations. If you need to reach me for an urgent matter, please call me at (716) 629-3477 or email me at mbennett@thesummitcenter.org. I will respond to emails within 48 hours and sooner whenever possible. For most matters, Unit Directors should be your first point of contact. Their contact information is listed below.

We look forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth. Thank you in advance for your support and partnership as we take on the 2023-2024 school year! It is truly our honor to work with your child.

Sincerely,

Mary Bennett

Mary Bennett, M.S.Ed., SBL, SDL
Principal, Summit Academy

Unit Director and Phone #	Classrooms
Mary Belile 716-629-3472 mbelile@TheSummitCenter.org	Preschool: 208, 210,212, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 225, plus Early Autism Program
Marina Oldin 716-629-3429 moldin@TheSummitCenter.org	School Age: 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215
Nicholas Rockwell 716-629-3476 nrockwell@TheSummitCenter.org	School Age: 300, 301, 302, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315
Darlene Firkins 716-810-7770 dfirkins@TheSummitCenter.org	Creekside: 601, 602, 603, 604, 715, 716, 725, 726, 728, 729, 733, 734
Claire Spangenthal 716.629.3400 Ext. 1529 cspangenthal@TheSummitCenter.org	Summit Academy Enhanced: 805, 806, 811