



Bridges Prep News & Notes: May 31, 2019

From Dr. Sherri Herbst's desk ...

We are almost there! With just Monday and half of Tuesday left to this school year, congratulations to students, staff and all our families for another strong and successful year at Bridges Prep. A few of our collective highlights:

- 1) We broke ground and started construction of our new school in Port Royal, and the Upper School students and staff have watched with eager anticipation as each week brings new progress. The facility is on schedule to open no later than January 2020! At the same time, the Board and administration are working toward another federal loan to help finance construction of the elementary school portion of the campus. In the not too distant future, all of Bridges Prep will be under one roof
- 2) Our academics continued to improve, even as we added 11th grade to our curriculum this year and began preparing for a full K-12 curriculum for the upcoming school year. Many thanks to our determined and dedicated teachers and staff for their expertise and their commitment to helping each student learn to his or her maximum potential. I am very confident we will see some amazing scholarship offers come to our first graduating class in 2020!
- 3) Students visited amazing places for hands-on learning, including our junior class which toured several universities to help them make informed choices next year
- 4) We continued to grow our enrollment, pushing past 700 this year and with an expected enrollment around 800 next school year!

It has been my great pleasure to work at Bridges Prep, and I appreciate everyone's well wishes as I depart Bridges to take a new education leadership position in Columbia. While this is my final newsletter at Bridges, I am confident the incoming Head of School will have his own approach to open communication – stay tuned!

There are great things ahead at Bridges, and I'd like to share this wonderful photo of our rising seniors with their first-ever Bridges Prep class rings!



Remember, we have class on Monday and early dismissal Tuesday– but after that, have a wonderful summer and READ! B