



CHAMBERLAIN NEWS

Fall Edition

Welcome Marjan, Chamberlains New Program Director

After more than a year of searching, Chamberlain International School is happy to announce a new Program Director, Marjan Naghavi. As a long time member of the National Association of Private School Education Centers (NAPSEC), Marjan became familiar with the school and a connection was made. "While I have much to learn about the school, I'm highly impressed by everything that I have seen thus far. The staff members I have met are clearly dedicated to the school and the best interests of the students. I have been able to interact with many students, and they clearly feel safe and cared for in the learning environment that is being provided."

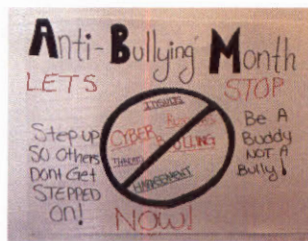
Prior to joining the school's leadership team, Marjan served as the Associate Director of School Programs at Sheppard Pratt Health System (SPHS) for 9 years and most recently as the Interim Director of School and Residential Programs. SPHS is the largest nonpublic provider in the state of Maryland serving over 750 students with special needs. Earlier in her career, Marjan was a Principal, a special education teacher and a group home counselor in Sweden. Her educational background includes a master's degree in counseling psychology, a master's level equivalency in special education, a graduate certificate in school administration, and a bachelor's degree in psychology. Currently she is pursuing a Doctorate degree in education, with a concentration in Training and Performance Improvement.



"I am looking forward to leading the staff in a direction that would meet their specific individual, team and organizational needs" Marjan said when talking about what her plans are for the school. "Through building awareness of employees' strengths and weaknesses and by developing new strategies, outlooks and skills, I am excited about providing valuable opportunities to staff to gain insights and experiment with new ways of thinking in a way that will take them to the next level of performance."

STOMP OUT BULLYING!

At the Chamberlain School we take bullying very seriously. All of our students engage in a four week anti-bullying programming in a group setting. This year we were fortunate to have a representative from Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center come in to speak to our students about bullying and cyber bullying. One key point of emphasis is bystander support. Some bystanders can directly intervene, by discouraging the bully, defending the victim, or redirecting the situation away from bullying. Other bystanders can get help, by rallying support from peers to stand up against bullying or by reporting the bullying to adults. As a special project our students are engaging in a poster making contest.



Friendly Competition

Every Wednesday we collaborate with our neighbors from Anchor Academy Justice Resource Institute to engage in competitive co-ed sports. Our focus is on skill building, teamwork and sportsmanship. Both programs students have thrived in this setting and look forward to our weekly meetings.

