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Dear Merrimack Families,

I hope this finds you and your families doing well and enjoying the transition into the autumn season. We are a few weeks into the beginning of the school year and our students and faculty seem to be settling in nicely. Our recent Homecoming Dance saw 588 students attend, which Mr. Zampieri said may be the highest attended Homecoming dance in his 22 years here at MHS. Thanks to Harley Hall and Elizabeth Dumais for organizing such a great event, and to the ten chaperones that were able to be present to assist. A huge thank you to our students that attended for their respectful and safe behavior!

We have some new staff starting this year at MHS. We are so pleased they have joined the MHS Community!

Micayla Eason – Math Teacher
Inas Durani – Science teacher
Jill Hanlon – Assistant Principal
Marcie James – Para-Professional
Amber Murphy – Health and PE teacher
Tamara O’Neil – Special education Teacher
Sam Perron – Social Studies teacher
Beth Powers – English Teacher
Hannah Robinson – Art Teacher
Beatrice (Bunny) Saranita – Music Teacher
Karl Safo – Social Studies Teacher
Pat Zink – Special Education Teacher

In addition, Amy Doyle has joined the District as our new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

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Please read on for some important information and dates for the rest of September:

This week Mr. Zampieri, Mrs. Hanlon and I met with each class, and we reviewed some important information they needed to know to begin the school year. Part of that discussion was a brief introduction to our updated safety protocols, which the district, in consultation with the Merrimack Police Department have been working on since last year.

Next Tuesday, September 27th during an extended Homeroom, School Resource Officer, Ryan Milligan, and I will be providing our students with a PowerPoint Introduction to our updated Option Based Lockdown Plan, “Avoid, Deny, Defend”. Throughout the school year we will conduct practice trainings in all drills related to “Avoid, Deny, Defend”. These types of drills had been put on hold for quite some time due to the Covid Pandemic. It is time to resume these important training drills to best prepare our students and staff, should an emergency present itself.

In addition, our District Level Crisis Response Committee has updated our Emergency Management Procedures Flip Chart for classrooms and our Building Level Safety Team will be providing each room in the school with an emergency “Go Kit”, which will contain Department of Homeland Security recommended supplies, in case of an emergency.

Lastly, our Back-to-School Night is scheduled for next Wednesday September 28th from 5:30-7:30. I sent an email about this to you earlier this week. I will send out the details of that event on Monday, September 26.

That’s all for now.

Go Tomahawks!

Regards,

Steve Claire
Principal
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