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Dear Parents,

We are now slowly approaching the end of July, which means that summer break is almost over and ready for the beginning of a new school year. I hope you and your students have found time to relax, recharge, and make great memories.

As the new principal here at Wheeling High School, I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and give you a little glimpse into who I am. In the 21 years that I have been in education, I have had the chance to work with not only the most at-risk students but also some of the brightest in the state. What I've learned during my career is that every student has dreams and wants to be successful. I believe that success looks different for every person. I can not tell you or your student what success is, but I can make sure that every opportunity is given to each student at WHS to be prepared to fulfill their dreams and reach success whether that is via the military, career preparation or college readiness. My goal for Wheeling High School is to have every student upon graduation know what their next step in life will be and be prepared to start that journey.

I am very excited about beginning my tenure here at such an excellent school. Since the announcement of my hire, I have been in the building meeting with students, teachers, and parents to get a better understanding of the climate and culture of WHS. I've attended assemblies, meetings, PTO and Spur Club events, and have met with over half of the staff on a one-on-one basis. If there is one thing I've learned since transitioning to this new role, it's that this is a fantastic school with amazing support and tradition. Wheeling High School is representative of the real world and provides each one of its students the opportunity to dream big. I look forward to working with the entire Wheeling community to make sure that every student is prepared to fulfill their dreams.

As we near the beginning of the school year, here are some key dates and events that you will want to put on your calendar:

Wednesday, August 9: *Freshmen/Parent Orientation* - parent and student meeting, 6 pm - 8 pm

Friday, August 11: *Freshmen students only*, 7:30 am - 11:30 am, bus transportation is available, more information to follow.

Wednesday, August 16: *First day of class*, 8 am - 3:19 pm*

Wednesday, August 30: *Open House* - walk your student's schedule, and meet their teacher 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Homecoming Week - September 11 - 16

Football game Wheeling vs Maine West: Friday, September 15, 7 pm kick-off

Homecoming Dance: Saturday, September 16, 7 pm - 10:30 pm

Sincerely,

Jerry Cook
Principal

*Note: Please make sure your student is registered to begin classes.



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