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Dear Members of the Class of 2021:

It's that time of year again! Summer will soon be coming to an end, and the beginning of school will be here before you know it. Your teachers and administrators are excited to welcome back the Class of 2021. Your sophomore year is an extremely important year for you to continue to work hard and strive for excellence in the classroom. It is also important for you to participate in our extracurricular program, and we encourage you to seek out those clubs and activities of interest to you.

Student schedules will be available on OnCourse on the evening of Wednesday, August 22nd. New students may not have access to OnCourse for their schedules. This year you will notice the inclusion of a Recitation period, between 2nd and 3rd session, for all students. The purpose of the Recitation period is for all students to have access to additional help during the school day. More information will be shared with you during the opening days in September.

Construction on the high school is continuing into the fall. Please be aware that the temporary main office is located in the hallway off of the back solar lot. Students should enter the building through the bus loop doors between 7:00am-7:45am, or through the PAC entrance and the 300 hall entrance from 7:00am - 2:45pm, until construction is completed. Once our construction is complete, all students will use the new main entrance to access the building.

Your first day of school will be Thursday, September 6th. All students are to report at the regular time of 7:45 a.m. This is a full day for all students. Students should wear their student IDs and have a copy of their schedule with them on the first day of school. All students will be required to wear their ID so it is visible each day in school. Lanyards and ID cases will be provided for all students on the first day of school. Charged chromebooks should also be brought to school on the first day.

Students should report to their first period class (which is the first class listed on your OnCourse schedule) on Thursday, September 6th. On Friday, September 7th, we will begin our rotating drop period schedule with an "A" day.

Students who are new to HVCHS are invited to attend a new students' orientation on Wednesday, September 5th, from 7:45 to 10:45 a.m., and the Freshmen/New Students' Pizza and Ice Cream Party on Tuesday, September 4th in the old gym at 5:00 p.m. for students and parents.

Please note that school pictures for all students will take place on Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7, during wellness classes, study halls and lunch. All students will be required to have their pictures

taken. Students will be able to purchase portrait packages. Portrait package information can be found in the virtual backpack on the CHS page of the district website. The money for portrait packages is due on the day that your photo is taken.

Soon after school begins, we will have a class meeting to discuss the upcoming school year and other items of importance to sophomores. Until then, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and best wishes for a great sophomore year!

Sincerely, Tana Smith, Principal, Hopewell Valley Central High School