August 1, 2019

Dear Member of the Class of 2023:

The beginning of your high school career at Hopewell Valley Central High School is fast approaching. Although you will probably be sad to see the summer end, this coming fall should be an exciting time for you. I would like to welcome you to HVCHS as a member of the Class of 2023!

Please be aware that we will have our annual Freshmen/New Students' Welcome BBQ on Tuesday, September 3th at 5:00pm in the cafeteria for ninth grade students and their parents.

There will also be a special orientation day for freshmen on Wednesday, September 4th, beginning at 7:45am and ending at 10:45am. Details of the freshmen orientation program are as follows:

- Freshmen and students new to HVCHS in grades 10, 11 and 12 should report to their assigned bus locations at the designated morning pick up time which is provided by the district transportation department.
- Upon arrival at the high school, all students should report directly to the Performing Arts Center.
- All freshmen will be given the opportunity to walk through an abbreviated version of their schedule, at which time they will meet their teachers.

Student schedules will be available on OnCourse on the evening of Thursday, August 15th. New students may not have access to OnCourse for their schedules. Student schedules and locker numbers for freshmen will be distributed at orientation on September 4th. You will notice a Recitation period, between 2nd and 3rd sessions, 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.

Your first day of school will be Thursday, September 5th. All students are to report at the regular time of 7:45 am. 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. Charged chromebooks should also be brought to school on the first day.

Students should use the following building entrances:

- From 7:00-7:45 a.m., the bus loop doors will be accessible to students using student ID badges.
- The main entrance is accessible to students from 7:00-2:45 p.m. All students must use this entrance in order to enter the building after 7:45 a.m. There is an ID badge swipe at the main entrance.
● Students who arrive late to school should report to the main office via the new main entrance to sign in. This includes seniors who arrive after session 1 who need to sign in after senior option.
● During after school hours, only the PAC doors and those near the Athletic Office are open for students who have afterschool activities.

**School pictures for all students will be taken on Thursday, September 5th and Friday, September 6th during wellness classes, study halls and lunch.** Information to purchase portrait packages 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.

All freshman students will be issued new Chromebooks, chargers, and student ID badges. Students may pick up their new Chromebooks and ID badges from the Technology Department on **August 15 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., and on August 19 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.** In order for these new materials to be issued, students must bring their current school ID badge, Chromebook, and charger to be returned. Distribution will take place at the end of the 100 hall, near the new black box theater. **Please enter the building through the Performing Arts Center entrance for easiest access to the distribution location.** Students who are unable to pick up their new Chromebooks, chargers, and IDs during these designated times will receive them during the opening days of school.

During Freshman Orientation, we will have a class meeting to discuss the upcoming school year. At that meeting, you will meet our high school administrators and learn about important topics related to your freshman year. Until then, please enjoy the rest of the summer. We are all looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2023 to the high school!

Sincerely,

Tana Smith
Principal, Hopewell Valley Central High School