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Dear Rainier Middle School and High School students and families,

As we are nearing the end of August, I am hopeful that our students and parents are looking forward to the start of the upcoming school year. I know as a parent of four, that there definitely comes a time for them to be back to the normal routines that the school year brings. That being said, I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and the opportunity to enjoy the nice weather and some family time!

Looking forward to the start of the 2022/2023 school year, it is exciting to think that we are starting under fairly normal circumstances. Thankfully, students will not be faced with coming back to school having to wear masks and social distancing. Covid restrictions have eased up and I am optimistic that school will look and feel much like it did prior to the start of the pandemic.

As both students and parents start coming into the school buildings, it is likely that visitors will see some new faces and some staff members in new roles. In the middle school, Ms. Holly retired and the front office secretary/registrar vacancy was filled by Mrs. Kinahan, our former librarian. We also had the opportunity to hire an outstanding veteran teacher named Mr. Gurnsey, who will teach a combination of P.E. and social studies. I am also excited to welcome a new counselor that we are sharing with the elementary, Ms. Firman. She will be working alongside Ms. Deusen to provide student assistance for our middle schoolers. At the high school, Mrs. Lybecker also retired and we were fortunate to be able to hire an experienced registrar, Mrs. Yanusevich. She will be working alongside our new counselor Ms. Memmott. When you are in the buildings, please take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself to our new staff members.

We will be hosting our open house on August 31th from 4:30pm to 5:30pm and 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We will be providing a BBQ hotdog feed at the football stadium during the intermission for anyone that would like to join. If you would like to come by and get student schedules, check out classrooms, say hello to your teachers, and grab a hotdog we would love have you.

I hope everyone enjoys the last couple weeks of summer break! I look forward to seeing you all at open house or the first day of school on September 6th. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

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