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Hello Brandywine High School Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a wonderful and restful summer. We are excited to welcome back our returning students and families, and extend a warm greeting to those who are joining our school for the first time. Our staff has been busy over the summer preparing for another fantastic year of learning, growth, and achievement.

As we begin this new school year, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the values of **Be Successful**, **Have Respect**, and **Stay Safe** as foundational principles that guide our community. By fostering a culture of success, promoting mutual respect among students and staff, and ensuring a safe learning environment, we create a supportive and engaging academic setting for all our students. This is supplemented by a variety of new programs and initiatives designed to enhance the educational experience and support the diverse needs of our student body.

It has become a tradition over the past few years for the PTO to host a Welcome Back Event on **August 25, 2024 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**, in the Brandywine High School parking lot. We look forward to this opportunity to meet our students and launch the year in a positive and productive way. This event includes food trucks, school tours, tables for clubs and activities, and much more. We would like all of our students to get involved and experience the Bulldog community at its fullest, and this is a great way to start the year.

First week information:

Monday, August 26, 2024 - The first day of school for 9th and 12th graders. Class start time is 7:30 am, doors open at 7:15 am.

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 - All students grades 9 - 12 report. Class start time is 7:30 am, doors open at 7:15 am.

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 - Begin our 4 block daily rotation with a **1 Day**.

Thursday, August 29, 2024 - Continue our 4 block rotation with a **5 Day**.

Friday, August 30, 2024 - Yes we have school on this day...this will be a **2 Day**.

Other Important Dates:

Monday, September 2, 2024 - No school - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - No school - State Election Day

Thursday, October 3, 2024 - No school - Rosh Hashanah

Open House - TBD

Effective communication is essential for a successful school year. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date in our system. Once the school year begins, you will receive a weekly family newsletter on Sunday evenings. This newsletter highlights our school-wide celebrations and shares important information and upcoming events. There are additional ways to stay informed listed below:



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As we embark on this new school year, we are dedicated to fostering a culture of respect, responsibility, and academic excellence. Our goal is to work collaboratively with you to ensure that every student at Brandywine High School reaches their full potential. With that in mind, you have likely heard by now that we are launching a new cell phone policy starting in the fall. This change is based on the vast amount of research regarding cell phone usage and the negative impact on academic achievement and social-emotional health. All students will be expected to place cell phones in pocket holders in the front of each classroom for the duration of the class period. This is a practice that already exists in other schools in our district. Please continue to check out our social media posts on this topic. They will contain additional information as we approach the start of the new year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are looking forward to a successful and rewarding school year.

All the best,

Rebecca Reggio
Principal
Brandywine High School