

Dear Grove City Area High School Families,

As we begin the new school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families. Starting a new grade level can be an exciting time for our returning students, but I understand that enrolling as a new student can bring its own unique challenges. New faces, unfamiliar surroundings, and adjusting to new routines can create feelings of anxiety for both students and parents. My goal with this letter is to ease any concerns and help make this transition as smooth and comforting as possible.

To provide some context, I want to share a bit about myself and the incredible team here at Grove City Area High School. First and foremost, we are deeply committed to supporting every student who walks through our doors. We recognize that we are not perfect, but we constantly strive for greatness in educating and guiding students.

On a personal note, my wife and I are parents of two sons who graduated from Grove City Area High School. I can honestly say—and not just because I work in this building—that the teachers and staff here truly wrapped their arms around our boys at various times, providing them with guidance, structure, and kindness. They offered insights that my wife and I couldn't always provide. As parents of teenagers, you may know that our children don't always listen to us, but they will listen to those they respect and admire. We are fortunate to have wonderful people here who go above and beyond to support students in every way they can.

This year, we have welcomed a significant number of new enrollees to our school. I have already begun meeting individually with each new student and will continue to do so throughout the first month of school. The purpose of these meetings is simple: I want to personally welcome each student to Grove City Area High School and begin building a positive relationship with them. My hope is to be just one of many supporters that help make their transition smoother and more enjoyable.

I encourage you to talk with your child and reassure them that if they are called to meet with me, there is no cause for concern. These meetings are intended to be informal and welcoming—a chance for us to connect and for them to know that they are valued members of our school community.

I look forward to partnering with you and your student as they begin their journey here at Grove City High School. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you every step of the way.

Welcome to Grove City and Grove City Area High School !

Sincerely,
Dr. Brendan C. Smith
Principal