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Dear Families and Staff,

Happy New Year, and welcome back from winter break! I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating holiday season filled with joy, reflection, and quality time with loved ones.

As we return to school in the new year, I am excited about the opportunities and experiences that await us. The start of a new year is always a time for fresh perspectives, renewed goals, and a deepened sense of purpose. We are committed to making this year one of growth, learning, and success for every student, family, and member of our school community.

Together, we have accomplished so much, and I know that with your continued support, we will achieve even greater things in the months ahead. Let's continue working collaboratively to ensure our students thrive in an environment that fosters academic excellence and emotional well-being.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to 2025 filled with health, happiness, and inspiration.

All good things,

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Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the end of summer break.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to ensure that every student is registered and ready to start on time. Your cooperation is crucial in completing this process.

If you have already started your child's registration online, please ensure that ALL required documents and forms are submitted. If you have not begun the registration process yet, **we urge you to do so as soon as possible.**

Our registration team is here to assist you with any questions or concerns. **If you have received a call or message from our registrars, please return their call.** They are ready to help and ensure that your child's registration is completed without any delays.

To streamline the process and avoid any last-minute issues, we ask that you complete the registration by **Tuesday, August 20th**. Timely registration helps us to better plan for resources and staffing, ensuring a smooth start for all students.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. If you need any assistance or further information, please do not hesitate to contact our registration office at **860.823.4200 x2020** or email slyons@norwichpublicschools.org

All good things,
Susan Lessard
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September 27, 2024

Dear Kelly Middle School Families and Staff,

We want to address the Kelly community regarding a serious situation that transpired this morning. An altercation ensued between two students that required response and physical intervention from a School Resource Officer. The matter was handled safely and swiftly to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Both students are not present at school and are currently under review for disciplinary action according to our Norwich Public School Student Discipline Policy.

We are thankful and appreciative for our respective School Resource Officers in the school buildings. Their community building, outreach, and response to address matters with students and families is invaluable. Please be assured that the safety and well-being of our students, families, staff, and community is our highest priority.

Sincerely,

Brandi Lumpris, Principal

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Dear Wequonnoc Families,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to share some important news regarding our school leadership. I am delighted to introduce Ms. Jessie Frease as the Acting Principal of Wequonnoc School for the next month.

Ms. Frease brings a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to our students and community. She has served our district as a fifth-grade teacher, the SRBI Coordinator, and most recently as the Dean of Climate and Culture at Kelly Middle School. In each of these roles, Ms. Frease has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a passion for fostering a positive and engaging learning environment.

I am confident that she will provide strong guidance during this transitional period. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Frease to her new role. As always, I encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns as we continue to work together to support our students.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

All good things,

Susan M. Lessard, Acting Superintendent



October 16, 2024

Dear Families and Staff,

It is with deep sadness I share with you the news of a significant loss in our educational community. Last evening, a family connected to our district experienced a devastating house fire, which resulted in the loss of one of our beloved students. This heartbreaking event has left many of us in shock and mourning.

In these challenging times, it is crucial that we come together to support one another. We understand that this news can be difficult to process, and we want to ensure that everyone has access to the support they may need. To that end, we will have trained psychologists, social workers, and counselors available at our school to provide guidance and assistance to students, staff, and families affected by this tragedy.

We encourage anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or in need of support to reach out. Our counselors are here to listen and help, whether through individual sessions or group discussions.

As we navigate through this difficult time, let us remember the importance of community and compassion. Please keep the family affected by this loss in your thoughts, and let us honor their memory by supporting one another.

Thank you for your understanding and care during this difficult time.

With deepest sympathy, love, and support,

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Dear Staff and Families,

Today, let's take a moment to honor and thank the brave men and women who have served in our nation's military. Their dedication and sacrifices have shaped the freedoms we enjoy today.

We encourage everyone to take time today to reflect on the contributions of our veterans, whether through personal remembrance or participating in local observances.

Thank you to all who have served and continue to serve.

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Dear Norwich Public Schools Families,

As we approach this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for being such an integral part of our school community. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the many blessings we share, and I am truly grateful for the commitment, support, and partnership of our students, families, and staff.

This year has brought its challenges, but it has also shown us the strength and resilience of our community. We have worked together, celebrated each other's successes, and supported one another through every step. It is your dedication to our students' growth and well-being that makes this school district such a special place.

I hope this holiday season brings you and your loved ones peace, joy, and time to relax and recharge. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and for being a part of our journey. We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you in shaping bright futures.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and memorable Thanksgiving!

Susan Lessard
Acting Superintendent