Welcome Back: Committing to a Great School Year

As we turn the calendar to the 2026-27 school year, I am excited to welcome our students, staff, and families back to the high school. A new year brings new opportunities, new challenges, and a chance to make a positive impact. This year, our building theme is a simple yet powerful word: **COMMIT**.

Commitment is about more than showing up. It is about making the decision each day to give our best effort, support one another, and continue working toward our goals—even when things become difficult. Throughout the year, we will challenge our students and staff to consider what it means to commit to excellence, commit to growth, commit to each other, and commit to our school community.

For our students, commitment can take many forms. It might mean attending school every day, completing assignments on time, asking for help when it is needed, joining an activity, supporting a teammate, or treating others with respect. Success does not happen overnight. It is built through the small choices and consistent efforts we make each day.

Our staff is equally committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and challenging learning environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed. We recognize that education is a partnership, and we value the continued support of our parents, families, and community members. Together, we can help our students develop the skills, confidence, and character they need for life beyond high school.

We are also looking forward to another exciting year of activities, athletics, fine arts, and school events. These opportunities are an important part of the high school experience and provide students with additional ways to connect, grow, lead, and contribute.

Welcome back, and here's to a successful school year. **Go Vikings!**

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