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Dear Students and Families,

I am excited to welcome you back into the 2019-2020 school year! As hard as it is to let go of summer, I hope that you will look forward to this year as either a continuation of previous successes, a year to start anew or a year of great change and maturation.

As your school counselor, I am here to provide guidance and support regardless of whether you are a senior deciding on your post-graduation plans, a junior overwhelmed by the thought of standardized tests or a sophomore finding their way through school! Throughout the year we will have individualized post-high school planning sessions, meetings to create your schedule around your future goals, and academic/emotional/social support when necessary. Our guidance team will be holding classroom lessons with each grade level on how to use Naviance, providing information on PSAT/SAT/ACT exams and navigating through the college planning process. We believe in working with parents/guardians in order to best help our students achieve their goals, which is why we will be holding meetings with both of you in the spring of your junior year and during the fall of your senior year.

Coming from experience as a former college admissions representative and seeing firsthand what colleges are looking for, I encourage you to spend these years not only focusing on your studies and becoming a better student academically, but also making yourself into a well-rounded person. Think of how you want your resume to look when you are applying to college or trying to acquire a job. Get involved, be active and stay busy! I plan on meeting all of you over the course of the first quarter but please don't be a stranger and wait until I find you. Stop in, introduce yourself and ask me any questions you may have. My door is always open! Lastly, please keep the following dates in mind as we navigate through this upcoming year.

Monday, September 16th @ 6:00 p.m. – Senior Night which will include information on the college process and financial aid will be given as well as important dates and deadlines to look out for. All seniors and their families should attend.

Wednesday, September 18th @ 6:00 p.m. – College Fair. All students and their families are encouraged to attend to speak with college representatives. We will have over 100 colleges in attendance.

Friday, September 26th @ 9:00 a.m. - Grade 9 Counselor and Parent Breakfast.

Wednesday, October 16th – The PSAT will be administered during school hours to all 10th and 11th grade students. Students in grades 9 & 12 will report to school on a delayed opening schedule.

Friday, October 18th @ 9:00 a.m. – Grade 10 Counselor and Parent breakfast.

Friday, November 15th @ 9:00 a.m. – Grade 11 Counselor and Parent breakfast.

Wednesday, March 18th – College Panel Event. A panel of college representatives will be discussing college planning and application process to students during the school day.

Tuesday, May 21st @ 6:00 p.m. - Academic Awards Night. An evening to celebrate our senior's accomplishments. Last year over \$95,000 was distributed to our graduating seniors. Students and parents should look for the scholarship application in January/February.

I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason. Enjoy your last weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

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