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RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

In just a few short weeks the 2008-2009 school year will begin.

Please review the information listed below as well as the enclosed materials:

- **A voluntary orientation for incoming freshman will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 11:00 a.m.** The program is sponsored by the Student Council. Members of the class of 2012 should report to the auditorium. The program will end by 12:30 p.m. and schedules will be distributed to the ninth graders who attend.
- A ninth grade parent orientation meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This will be a very informative meeting regarding school rules, procedures, activities, programs, and academics. The meeting will last approximately one hour.
- The **first day of classes** for all students will be **Wednesday, September 3**. Homeroom assignments will be posted at building entrances. Homeroom begins at 7:55 a.m. and students will receive their schedules at that time.
- **Students with outstanding obligations from the 2007-2008 school year will not receive a schedule on opening day.** Notification of any outstanding obligation was mailed home with report cards. Please clear any obligation in the main office prior to the beginning of school. Otherwise, students will be expected to clear their obligation on opening day which may mean a delay in attending classes.
- **Summer reading and summer math is mandatory.** Please be sure your assignments are completed.
- In June all students received individual course lists for 2008-2009. **No schedule changes will be made after school opens in September.** The guidance office is open in August and counselors are in the week of August 25.
- **Please complete and return the health information and disclosure form to Ms. DePasquale, high school nurse, by Friday, September 5.**
- Physicals for fall sports and marching band were given in June. If a student wishes to participate in the

fall sports program, cheerleading or the band and did not have a physical, he/she must contact his/her physician for the examination. Forms are available in the main office.

- **Back to School Night will be October 2 at 7:00 p.m.**
- Although June is a long way off, we remind you that the attendance policy is in force the entire year and that **requests for absences or early release can not be honored, so plan your vacations, trips, summer camps, and jobs after the closing of school.** Final Exam schedules will be mailed in April.
- Students must have a Rutherford Public Library card in order to borrow materials from the high school library. All students must have a current “adult” library card. Please obtain or “upgrade” a children’s card prior to September.
- All students will receive a Handbook/Planner. Please review and familiarize yourself with policies and procedures regarding attendance, tardiness/demerit system, dress code, substance abuse, fighting (violence), as well as other rules/regulations. In addition, the entire handbook is available online at www.rutherfordschools.org. These rules help us create a safe and effective learning environment. Students should use their planner to keep track of assignments and activities.
- Please review all enclosed materials.
 - Early Dismissal/Late Arrival
 - Central Detention/Demerit System
 - School Security
 - Dress Code/Electronic Devices
 - Military Recruits/College Mailing Information
 - Lunch Procedure
 - School Calendar
 - PTSA Information
 - Health Information
 - Class Dues Letter (grades 9-11)
 - Important Phone Number Changes
- I am pleased to welcome Mr. Cassidy back to Rutherford High School. Mr. Cassidy came back to work on July 7, 2008 and is looking forward to the new school year.

We hope the remaining days of summer are relaxing and enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 3.

Yours truly,

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