



VERONA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians of Verona High School Students:

We hope that everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer. September is an exciting month that is filled with amazing opportunities for every student. We want each student to enjoy the school year and to know he or she is supported by everyone at Verona High School. We encourage students to join a new club or sport, to make new friends, and to enjoy exploring and creating throughout the school year. The faculty and administration are very excited to work with each student and all families.

Our greatest initiative this year is to reinforce our commitment to and belief in kindness and respect for all people. While academics and accomplishments are extremely important, at VHS our number one focus is treating each other with respect and kindness so that we may continue to grow as a school community. This year, our school will be participating in the Positive Behavioral Supports in Schools (PBSIS) where we will focus on the values of Respect, Integrity, and Responsibility. I am confident that our students will demonstrate why Verona High School is a special place to receive an education.

Verona High School allows for each student to bring a device to school. Your child is encouraged to bring a Chromebook or laptop. It is important to remember that technology can be beneficial to the learner if used responsibly. This year we will remind students that it is important to only use technology in school for note taking, completing assignments, and research.

Continued for this year will be the opportunity for every family to have personalized meetings with their child's school counselor. The purpose of these meetings is to help the counselor learn more about the student goals for high school, college, and beyond. Our role is to support each student and his or her family throughout the high school years. In the coming weeks we will assign all students a counselor. Our goal is to create as little change and disruption as possible. Once your student has received his or her counselor, we encourage him or her to set up a time to introduce himself or herself.

Our first day of school for students will be on **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**. There will be a delayed opening on September 5th for students in grades 10-12. The freshmen class will be arriving to school at our regular start time (**8:00 AM**) to participate in Freshman Orientation, which will be run by the Peer Leaders. This year our Back-to-School Night is on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM. On the first day of school, each student will meet all of his or her teachers and attend all of his or her classes (Periods 1-8).

Our back to school information is available online, please click [here](#) to access. I encourage you to please follow me on Twitter [@PrincipalVerona](#) or Mr. Lancaster [@Lancaster_Thoma](#). We often post high school accomplishments and information pertaining to thought provoking ideas within the educational landscape.

We look forward to a great school year and we thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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