

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians

Welcome back students and parents. Summer has come and gone and it is time to get back into the school swing of things. We at the high school are still committed to offering your children a quality education in a safe and secure environment. School officially begins for students on Thursday, September 8. We recently posted to the high school website a “Welcome Back to School” message to each student and would ask that you review that message with your child in order to get them on track for a successful school year.

We take our **Williamstown High School Mission Statement** seriously. It is our belief that a shared responsibility exists between students, parents, and the high school staff in order to help our students become responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners. You can find our Mission Statement displayed throughout the building to remind everyone about our philosophy. You can read the Mission Statement at the following link:

<http://www.monroetwp.k12.nj.us/HighSchool/Mission/>

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our incoming freshmen and their parents and guardians. I would also highly recommend that they take the time to familiarize themselves with our attendance regulations and our behavioral expectations as they are significantly different from those of the middle school. These can be accessed by visiting the following link:

<http://www.monroetwp.k12.nj.us/HighSchool/Handbook/>

I would like to remind all parents that our student information system, POWERSCHOOL, allows all parents to view their child’s progress throughout the school year. Please, if you have not signed up for access to this powerful tool, make an appointment in guidance to secure the information necessary to access your child’s grades.

**School Pictures for the yearbook and I.D. badges** will be taken on Monday, September 19. The I.D. badges will be used for two years. For security purposes, students are required to have these with them during the school day and at all extracurricular events.

**Back to School Night** will be on Thursday, September 29 and will begin promptly at 6:45 in the theater. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend this event as it is an excellent opportunity to gain insight into the academic expectations of our teachers for your children.

**Our computer system maintains restricted access to the Internet.** Teachers view the Internet as an invaluable resource for achieving lesson objectives and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. In order for our students to have access to the Internet in school, they must turn in an Acceptable Use Agreement/Web Permission Form, signed by a parent/guardian. The form should be turned in to our Media Center Specialist, Mrs. Pat Slemmer. You can find this form at the following link:

<http://www.monroetwp.k12.nj.us/Technology/AUP/Forms.shtml>

Our Athletic Teams open their new seasons in early September. All of our **Sports Team's schedules** can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.tricountyconferencenj.org>

Please come out and support our athletic teams!