

River Dell Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Greetings, Hawks families! I hope everyone is doing well and I encourage you to speak with your student to find out how the middle school year has gone so far. I recently sent out a survey to each student and will continue to do so in an effort to gain feedback and improve the student experience over the course of the year. These surveys will be short and informative, covering a wide range of topics. I want to remind everyone that I am very approachable, so if your student has concerns, please encourage them to talk to me in the morning, during lunch, after school, or anytime in between.

As the seasons change and the weather gets cooler, it is inevitable that students will experience various symptoms of several possible ailments. Please take this into consideration before sending your student to school. Erring on the side of caution is requested. If you have any questions or need help making decisions, please contact me or our nurse, Ms. Puleo.

The doors open each day at 7:40 allowing students ten minutes to go to lockers and get to homeroom. It is very important that students are in their seats each morning at 7:50. From 7:50 – 7:58, daily announcements are made leading up to the 7:58 start of period one. Additionally, please help in reminding students each night to charge their laptop computers so that when they arrive to school, they are not faced with a dead or dying battery.

Recently, it has come to our attention that there is an initiative called “Devious Licks” that began on the social networking platform, *Tik Tok*. Each month this initiative is encouraging students to commit destructive and inappropriate acts. For example, September was centered around damaging bathrooms in school. Please monitor your student’s social media and speak to them about this initiative and the repercussions that could result in making these terrible decisions. Other examples of what is being encouraged from month to month are as follows: inappropriate slapping, poking, and grabbing, damage to school signs, vandalism outside school, and flipping off staff members. With your help, I am optimistic that the students in the River Dell community will do the right thing!

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 4-8: A Week of Respect
- Oct. 5: 8th Grade “Show of Hands”
- Oct. 7: 7th Grade Field Day (“Show of Hands” built-in)
- Oct. 11: No school for students
- Oct. 13-14: Start Strong Assessments (More information to follow)

Best Regards,



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