



QUINCE ORCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Office of the Principal

October 20, 2021

Dear Quince Orchard and Northwest Communities,

We are thrilled to join all of you in our excitement for this Friday's much anticipated varsity football game between Quince Orchard High School and Northwest High School. As we prepare for this Friday's football game, it is important to remember that it is the responsibility of all who are present to model appropriate and respectful behavior.

To ensure we are collectively supporting the MCPS R.A.I.S.E. core values and our shared values at Quince Orchard and Northwest High Schools, Montgomery County Public Schools, in collaboration with the Montgomery County Police Department, has decided to move the game to 4:30 p.m. Gates will open for spectators beginning at 3:30 p.m. This decision is out of an abundance of caution for everyone's safety and for the smooth operations of the entire event.

Additionally, and due to the anticipated size of the crowds, the administration of both schools would like all middle school and elementary school students and their families to know that they will not be allowed at the game unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian. The staff at the game will be checking all students for identification and anyone in middle or elementary school who is not with a parent/adult will be turned away at the gate. The school administration would like families to know that the safety of all of our students is our top consideration.

The R.A.I.S.E. core values of the MCPS athletics program teach and reinforce respect and sportsmanship, academic excellence, integrity and character, spirited and safe competition and equity and access. It is expected that spectators reinforce these values by exhibiting appropriate behavior at athletic events. A condition of entry into an MCPS athletic event is that all spectators agree to recognize the event as an extension of the learning process and that all present have the responsibility to model appropriate behavior. The event is a unique opportunity for spectators to be a part of a positive and productive learning environment and to model behavior appropriate to a public school setting. It is important that all spectators, students and families conduct themselves in a manner which is befitting of Quince Orchard High School, Northwest High School and Montgomery County Public Schools.

We appreciate your cooperation and support as we work to maintain a safe school environment.
We are excited for this much anticipated event.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Elizabeth L. Thomas
Principal



Mr. Scott Smith
Principal, Northwest HS