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## August 23, 2024

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Spartan Country!

We are excited to kick off the 2024-2025 school year with several important events:

- **Meet and Greet:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM.
- **Transition Day:** Thursday, August 29, 2024, from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM (9th Graders Only).
- **School's Closed for Labor Day:** September 2, 2024
- **First Day of School:** Tuesday September 3, 2024
- **Open House:** Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 6:00PM to 7:30 PM.

Mrs. Rivello is thrilled to be joining Lake Forest High School as our new Principal. With 29 years in public education, serving as a High School Principal has been the most rewarding experience of her career.

As we embark on this new academic year, let's take a moment to celebrate some of the remarkable achievements from last year:

- Significant growth in Dual Enrollment and AP programs, with students earning impressive AP exam scores.
- Outstanding performances at the State Fair, where our students were recognized for their exceptional projects.
- The successful launch of the new K-12 Teacher Academy, enriching our students' learning experiences.
- Strengthened community partnerships that set the stage for continued success in our Work-Based Learning programs.

This year, our academic focus will be on literacy across the curriculum. We are committed to equipping students with the skills they need to excel both in school and in life. By integrating literacy into every aspect of

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our teaching, we aim to empower students with the critical thinking, communication, and engagement skills necessary for success in all areas.

Our theme for this year, *It Starts With Us*, aligns perfectly with the idea of being a *Spartan for Life*. Together, these concepts highlight the essential role each of us plays in fostering a positive, inclusive, and academically challenging environment. Being a *Spartan for Life* is more than just school spirit—it's about building a strong culture of community, relationships, ownership, traditions, and agriculture. As Spartans, we are part of a unique family of learners, educators, parents, and community members, all working together to create the best conditions for learning and growing.

One of our key goals this year is to help our students develop into responsible citizens who understand the importance of using discretion, particularly when it comes to cell phones and wearing head coverings during school hours. These are important life skills that go beyond the classroom, teaching students about respect, focus, and the impact their choices can have on their learning environment. These non-negotiables can be found in our [Lake Forest High School 2024-2025 Code of Conduct](#) on page 10 (dress code) and page 13 (cell phone usage).

Headwear is not to be worn in the building during the school day. This includes but is not limited to: hats, bandanas, scarves, earmuffs, sunglasses, or any other head coverings, including hoods. Carrying a cell phone in any Lake Forest School is a privilege extended to students which can be restricted or revoked at any time. Students' cell phones should be off and put away during the school day except when expressly permitted by staff.

The 2024-2025 school year holds great promise, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we will build on our past successes, explore new initiatives, and strive for excellence. Our unity and shared vision will lead to a year of growth, achievement, and lasting impact on our students' lives.

Let's make this an incredible year!

Warm regards,

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