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Dear South Fork High School Community,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a restful break filled with family, fun, and much needed downtime. Today, we welcome students back to second semester with the promise of new beginnings. Many people make resolutions for the new year like trying new things, cutting back on sweets, or a commitment to being kinder to others. Students, my wish for you in the new year is to simply be the best version of yourself. Your South Fork family loves you just the way you are and being true to yourself while trying not to be influenced by others is a very difficult thing to accomplish in this time of social media influencers.

The definition of influence is “ the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone or something , or the effect itself.” Bulldog students, you have already shown your ability to positively influence others just by being you. We have much to celebrate centered around your character including the opening of our thrift store, the “Bulldog Closet”. We are so proud of our school community for the hours they worked in making this a reality for our students in need. The “Bulldog Closet” is a thrift store run by students in support of students. We were featured on WPTV news over the break and are thrilled to be able to shine a light on the positive influence we will have on our school community. We are taking donations for lightly used clothing at the front office during normal office hours.

Having influence can also mean doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Seniors, we look to you to set the tone and be the influencers for our school. You are the experts in what it means to be a Bulldog. At SFHS, our expectations are to, **Strive for excellence, Focus on**

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integrity, **H**onor diversity, and **S**tay safe. As an entire student body, we must continue to do our best to do the right thing in order to continue to achieve, build character, and ultimately be the leading school of influencers in Martin County. To achieve this, Bulldogs, we need to be on time and in class, wear our ID's, keep our phone and earbuds in our bags, and use the restroom responsibly every single day. A safe and orderly environment is what we need to keep teaching and learning a top priority. We will be reminding students of the expectations for the remainder of the week. Starting on Monday, we will be enforcing all school policies and consequences. I know I can count on our Bulldog influencers to do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Parents, I am excited to partner with you on your child's educational journey. You are the top influencer in your child's life and we collectively appreciate your assistance in ensuring all school rules are followed by supporting us in making South Fork High School a safe learning environment. The staff at SFHS are honored to work with your students each and every day and are so grateful for the support of our community. We are well on our way to making 2024 the best year yet for South Fork as we celebrate our 40th graduating class! I am proud to serve this school community and look forward to working with staff, students, families, and community members to make South Fork High School the most positively influential school on the Treasure Coast!

With gratitude,

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