Dear Oakestown Parents and Guardians,

We're excited to kick off the 2025–26 school year with all of you! I hope your summer brought a great mix of fun, rest, and adventure and that you're feeling ready for the return of school in just a couple of short weeks.

To our **rising 6th graders**: This is your chance to take everything you learned in 5th grade and become leaders at Oakestown. Whether it's academics, PODs, enrichment classes, or our house system, now is your time to build on last year and help shape the experience for our incoming 5th graders. We can't wait to see how you grow in your second year here!

To our **incoming 5th graders**: Welcome! You're joining us from seven different elementary schools across Grandville, and each of you brings something special to our Oakestown community. All the experiences you've had from kindergarten through 4th grade have prepared you for this exciting next step. We're proud of the foundation you've built and we're ready to help you continue that journey.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone in the next couple of weeks! Be sure to join us for **Student Visit Day on August 13** — it's a great opportunity to find your classroom, reconnect with friends, and explore the school. If you can't make it, we'll be ready to welcome you on the **first day of school on August 18**.

Parents and Guardians: We know how full this time of year can be as you juggle schedules and get everything in place for the start of school. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our office — or bring your questions with you on Student Visit Day.

Please take a few minutes to read the Welcome Back Notes - all the information you need for back to school.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Warmly, **Brian Mulder**Principal
Oakestown Intermediate
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