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Welcome to the 2016-2017 Summer Mailing!

Dear West Morris Central Families:

With our student athletes, marching band and color guard all together on campus this week, I want to extend an enthusiastic WELCOME to those entering West Morris Central for their first year and a hearty welcome BACK to all of our returning young people.

There is a great deal of information to digest in the links below. Your understanding of our basic operational procedures is pivotal to our partnership aimed at optimizing the developmental experience of your student in this four-year period.

Communications from School to Home

Before getting to the Summer Mailing Info found on the WMC Website, I must ask every family to take a few moments to confirm address and contact (and emergency contact) information in both our **PowerSchool** and **School Messenger** systems. We rely on the information input to PowerSchool to contact families during the school day for routine business **and** in emergent situations. Instructions for using the PowerSchool Portal are found within the tab of the same name on the Homepage. Edits to this information should be sent to tgrady@wmrhsd.org. We attempt to reserve the School Messenger system for school closings or emergency announcements. Parents should sign into the Parent Portal to update contact information and indicate their notification preferences. Look under the Parent Student tab on the school's home page for additional information and instructions. Alternatively, emails delivered through *Neviance* – our multi-dimensional college and career readiness application – typically carry non-emergent general broadcast messages.

Summer Mailing Information

Within this digital listing of our summer mailing information students and families will find both General Reference Information including calendars, operating procedures, policies and procedures and REQUIRED forms for return to our offices.

Among the forms families are REQUIRED to submit annually are:

- ✓ WMRHSD Technology Signature Page including Parent Consent to Use and Responsible Use of Technology components as well as Parent Consent to Publish student images and personally identifiable information on the school website.
- ✓ Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form denying release of student information to Military Recruiters, to College/University Recruiters and to prospective employers, if so desired.
- ✓ Medication Permission Letter
- ✓ Over-the-counter Medication Permission Form
- ✓ Acknowledgment for the Student Accident Insurance coverage (mailed home with student schedules and bus passes.)

Information and forms for OPTIONAL and need-based programs can be found under these headings:

- Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program
- NJ Family Care Insurance
- Student Accident Insurance for non-athletics coverage

Letters from our Assistant Principals, Mr. Braun and Mrs. Meagher, contain important compliance information regarding *Attendance, IRT, Student Parking and Lunch*. Their correspondence reiterate policies and procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct found in our **Student Handbook**, which outlines these and other items such as grading and discipline **can be found exclusively on our website in its entirety under the Parents/Students tab**.

Other information may assist you in planning trips and appointments, namely:

- The 2016-17 WMRHSD School Holiday Calendar
- The 2016-17 WMRHSD Calendar of Rotating School Days
- The 2016-17 WMC Guidance Calendar
- Blank Student Schedule within 4-Day Rotation

Finally, Mr. Schilling's Student Activities and Ms. Cartier's Student Assistance letters provide insights into these aspects of school life.

Please receive our sincere thanks for taking the time to carefully review this information and for completing the brief tasks that we ask of you. The administration, faculty and staff of West Morris Central look forward to an enthusiastic start to the 2016-2017 school year.

Yours in learning,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Ryan".

Steve Ryan
Principal