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Dear Parents and Members of the Class of 2020:

Greetings from West Morris Central High School! I hope that you have had a pleasant and enjoyable first half of your summer. It is time to begin thinking about some of the fun and challenges that await you at WMC.

In order to get the year started in a comfortable and confident fashion, an orientation program has been scheduled for all freshmen and students transferring in. The program will take place on **Tuesday, August 30, 2016** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Although attendance is not mandatory, every 9th grader is strongly encouraged to attend so as to feel most at ease and ready to learn in the first weeks of high school. Students are to report to the **auditorium** by 8:15 a.m. Should you require transportation to the high school on August 30, buses will run on a 1-hour delay morning schedule. Bus passes will be mailed home during the week of August 22 and includes the regularly scheduled pick up times. Use this information to assist you with your planning.

The incoming class from the Long Valley Middle School has been working with our REACH students for the past several months. At our meeting here in June, eighth graders received a preliminary class schedule. The purpose of *this* orientation program is to begin developing a sense of school community, to familiarize students with our operating procedures, expectations and support resources, and to provide a thorough introduction to the personalized learning initiative, including the Google Apps for Education suite, our learning management system Haiku, Naviance - our College and Career readiness software, and PowerSchool.

All students should bring their newly issued Chromebook to the orientation. Please visit the link provided under the announcements on the school's home web page – www.wmchs.org. If you are unable to collect your device on the dates posted, please arrive at 7:30 a.m. to accomplish this prior to our session. Any updates or announcements may also come through a Naviance Family Connection email.

A copy of your final course schedule, which includes your locker assignment, will come with the above-mentioned bus pass in the middle of August. You can bring this schedule to the orientation to walk the building and locate classrooms before we begin or at the session's conclusion. If you are unable to attend our program on August 30 owing to previously set obligations that will have you out of town, we will offer orientation sessions during lunch on Thursday, September 8, and Friday, September 9, to share much of the day's information with you. Separately, should you wish to visit the building before orientation to have a look around, please wait until August 15 and remember to first check in at the front office.

As you will learn early in the school year, West Morris Central High School offers a wide variety of courses, athletic opportunities, clubs and activities. I urge you to explore as many of these as you possibly can to determine which are most deserving of your time and energy as you strive to maintain a healthy balance between your academics and activities. The more you become involved with your school, the more vast your experiences and the greater your commitment, pride and confidence will be. **In the meantime and as a reminder**, if you haven't already begun, be sure to check the Summer Assignments link found in *Parents/Students* drop-down menu of the WMC homepage to identify and initiate any work that is expected in your courses. **On a final academic note**, entering students are encouraged to *purchase a graphing calculator* to support their learning of math through high school and college. Our math department suggests you select either of the Texas Instruments (TI) models 84 (preferred) or 83.

If you have questions or concerns during the year, feel free to reach out to the appropriate counselor or Assistant Principal. However, parents may want to hold off until our **Ninth Grade Parent Orientation Night** scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016**. We hope to provide you and your family with the latest research and local data on student learning, development, college placement and the keys to effectively supporting your child in these exciting years.

In closing, should you have any questions prior to the orientation, please do not hesitate to call the high school. We look forward to working together so that the next four years bring you much growth, learning and fulfillment of your goals and dreams.

Sincerely,

Steve Ryan
Principal